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CEQA # 14370
District Project # 2025-07

State of California – The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Bay Area District
845 Casa Grande Road
Petaluma, CA 94954

PROJECT TITLE: Oak Ridge Prescribed Burns

LOCATION: Sonoma Developmental Center Open Space **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes prescribed burns in a mosaic of grasslands and oak trees in the Sonoma Developmental Center project area east of Arnold Drive near the boundary of Sonoma Valley Regional Park, to reduce wildfire risk, restore the historic role of fire, improve biodiversity, and support long-term stewardship of the area. Work will occur in areas where vegetation was killed in the 2017 wildfires and on non-system trails and service roads in grasslands. Existing fire roads, trails, and non-system routes will be used as boundaries and fire line will be dug as necessary to protect resources, infrastructure, and other utilities. There would be no new ground disturbance, and minimal impact to existing vegetation and viewsheds.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Bay Area District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption *Class: 1 & 4* *Section: 15301 & 15304*

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, and/or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and/or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Project consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

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