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CEQA # 14371
District Project # 2025-03

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: Visitors Center Landscape Improvements

LOCATION: Bothe-Napa Valley State Park **COUNTY:** Napa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Project proposes revisions to the existing landscaped area in front of the Visitors Center at Bothe-Napa Valley State Park to improve functionality, accessibility, and overall visitor experience.

Work includes:

- Remove an existing non-native lawn and replace with native, drought tolerant plants;
- Remove a concrete retaining edge along east side of lawn;
- Install a 5-foot-wide stabilized aggregate pathway to connect to accessible entrance;
- Use pavers and decomposed granite to construct two (2) small patios to expand seating areas;
- Install a metal privacy fence to separate the existing maintenance work area from the garden; and
- Install a new bike rack.

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, 3 & 4 *Section:* 15301, 15303 & 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of the operation, repair and/or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels; construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities, listed as "Construction or installation of park facilities, such as fencing" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; and minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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