

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Napa

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Napa, CA 94559

From: (Public Agency): Napa County Resource Conservation District

1303 Jefferson st, Suite 500B

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707-690-3125

(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Granucci_Ruth

Project Applicant: Jim Granucci and Kibbie Ruth - 3465 Mt Veeder Rd., Napa CA, 94558

Project Location - Specific:

T6N R5W Sec 7 & 8

Project Location - City: Napa

Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project covers 5.52 acres and proposes to cut small trees and brush, prune branches, and treat resulting woody materials with mastication and chipping. The environmental setting is a conifer mixed hardwood forest that burned in the 2017 Nuns Fire. The current stand is dominated by Douglas-fir with a dense understory of resprouting hardwoods including California bay laurel and oaks and resprouting shrubs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Napa County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jim Granucci and Kibbie Ruth - 3465 Mt Veeder Rd., Napa CA, 94558

Exempt Status: (check one):

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alteration to Land

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in PRC § 753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for impacts that are, at the most, less than significant to the environment, having provided adequate measures for avoidance of sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Danielle Ashton

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-690-3125

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/5/2025 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____