

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
2776 Sullivan Road
Sebastopol, CA 95472

(Address)

Project Title: Odd Fellows Recreation Club Forest Improvement Project (NBFIP)

Project Applicant: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

13500 Riverside Drive, Guerneville, CA 95446

Project Location - City: Guerneville

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is located 3.3 miles east of downtown Guerneville. The purpose of the project is to reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest resilience. Project area slopes are moderate (20-40 degrees), with generally north-facing aspect. Vegetation is primarily a coast redwood alliance forest with patches of tanoak forest. This Project is funded by the North Bay Forest Improvement Program. The Project involves vegetation thinning to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health. Work will be completed using hand crews, hand tools and chainsaws, with cut vegetation piled. The project will avoid impacts to sensitive resources, retain mature trees, and support long-term forest health and fire resilience.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Odd Fellows Recreation Club

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:

The 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 at most impacts that are 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: Adriana Stagnaro Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-823-5244 ex 13

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:  Date: 1/20/26 Title: Forestry Project Manager

☒ 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: _____