

# Notice of Exemption

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County Clerk

County of: Napa

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

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707-690-3125

(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Rancho Otranto

Project Applicant: Amy Garden - 2723 Sulphur Springs Rd, St Helena, CA 94574

Project Location - Specific:

T7N R6W Sec 1, 2, 11

Project Location - City: St Helena

Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project covers 20 acres and proposes to cut small trees ranging 4-8 inches in diameter, prune branches up to 8 feet off the ground, and treat resulting woody materials with mastication and chipping. The environmental setting is a conifer mixed hardwood forest with conifers and hardwoods including California bay laurel, manzanita, oaks and resprouting shrubs.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Amy Garden - 2723 Sulphur Springs Rd, St Helena, CA 94574

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:  Date: 5/21/2026 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: \_\_\_\_\_