State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-10072026-351

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SONOMA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT		10/07/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	26-1007-03

PROJECT TITLE

NORTH BAY FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - HERNANDEZ PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SONOMA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT		(707) 569-1448

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
1221 FARMERS LANE SUITE F	SANTA ROSA	CA	95405

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,437.25	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Ashley Corbin, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

Print Form

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F,
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Hernandez Project

Project Applicant: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
18050 Sweetwater Springs Rd, Guerneville, CA 95446(069-110-002, 069-120-004)

Project Location - City: Guerneville Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This project is located on a private property in Guerneville, Sonoma County. The project will take place on one ownership, across two separate parcels. Project area slopes range from flat to extremely steep and the aspect is primarily east-facing. Forests are comprised of redwood, Douglas-fir, mixed-hardwoods (bigleaf maple, coast live oak, deciduous oaks, madrone, and bay laurel) and oak savannah. Treatments will target roughly 100-800 trees per acre with the majority of the basal area to be treated in trees ranging from 1-12" DBH for removal. Slash and other woody residue will either be pile and burned, chipped, or masticated. Additional treatments include site preparation and pruning between 50-200 trees per acre. Operational limitations for watercourses shall include a no operation buffer without clearance from a qualified Registered Professional Forester or qualified biologist determining non-presence of species listed under the Federal or State Endangered Species Act; these limitations shall take place within 50 feet for Class II watercourses and 75 feet for Class I watercourses for side slopes under 50%; side slopes over 50% shall include an additional 25-foot buffer.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Herman J. Hernandez

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: Genevieve Tarino, RPF #3337 Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-569-1448 x118

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: Digitally signed by: Christine Kuehn DN: CN = Christine Kuehn email = Ckuehn@sonomarcd.org C = US O = Sonoma RCD OU = Executive Director DATE: 2026.10.03 14:03:31 -07'00' Date: 10/05/2026 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: _____

This notice was posted on 10/07/2026
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 11/07/2026

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Ashley Corbin, Deputy Clerk

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