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Notice of Exemption

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION **Appendix E variant**

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501 Low Gap Rd.
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From: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
115 East Smith Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program – Mill Bend Preserve

Project Applicant: Redwood Coast Land Conservancy

Project Location: APNs: 145-290-08-00, 145-290-05-00, 145-261-08-00, 122-020-004-000;
T11N, R15W, Sections 27 and 34.

City: Gualala **County:** Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Approximately 24.3 acres are to be treated at Mill Bend Preserve. Treatments will include thinning small-diameter trees and competing vegetation, pruning lower limbs, brush management, and treatment of resulting slash through pile burning and chipping/mastication. The project is intended to reduce hazardous fuels and ladder fuels, improve forest health and stand resilience, and promote desirable native vegetation while retaining healthy overstory trees. Treatments will follow project-specific best management practices for protection of watercourses, wildlife, and other sensitive resources. Treatments were developed using recommendations from a Forest Management Plan prepared by a Registered Professional Forester.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Redwood Coast Land Conservancy

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 Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reason Why Project is Exempt:
This project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section §15304 Minor Alterations to Land. The exemption applies to fuel management activities including pruning, thinning, and brush management that result in minor alterations to vegetation and do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Project activities will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project-specific review identified sensitive resources in the vicinity, and applicable avoidance measures and best management practices will be implemented to protect watercourses, wildlife, and other sensitive resources.

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Lead Agency Contact Person: Ned Formaker **Phone Number:** (707) 472-9970

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:** 9/25/2026 **Title:** Forestry Project Manager

☒ *Signed by Lead Agency* ☐ *Signed by Applicant*

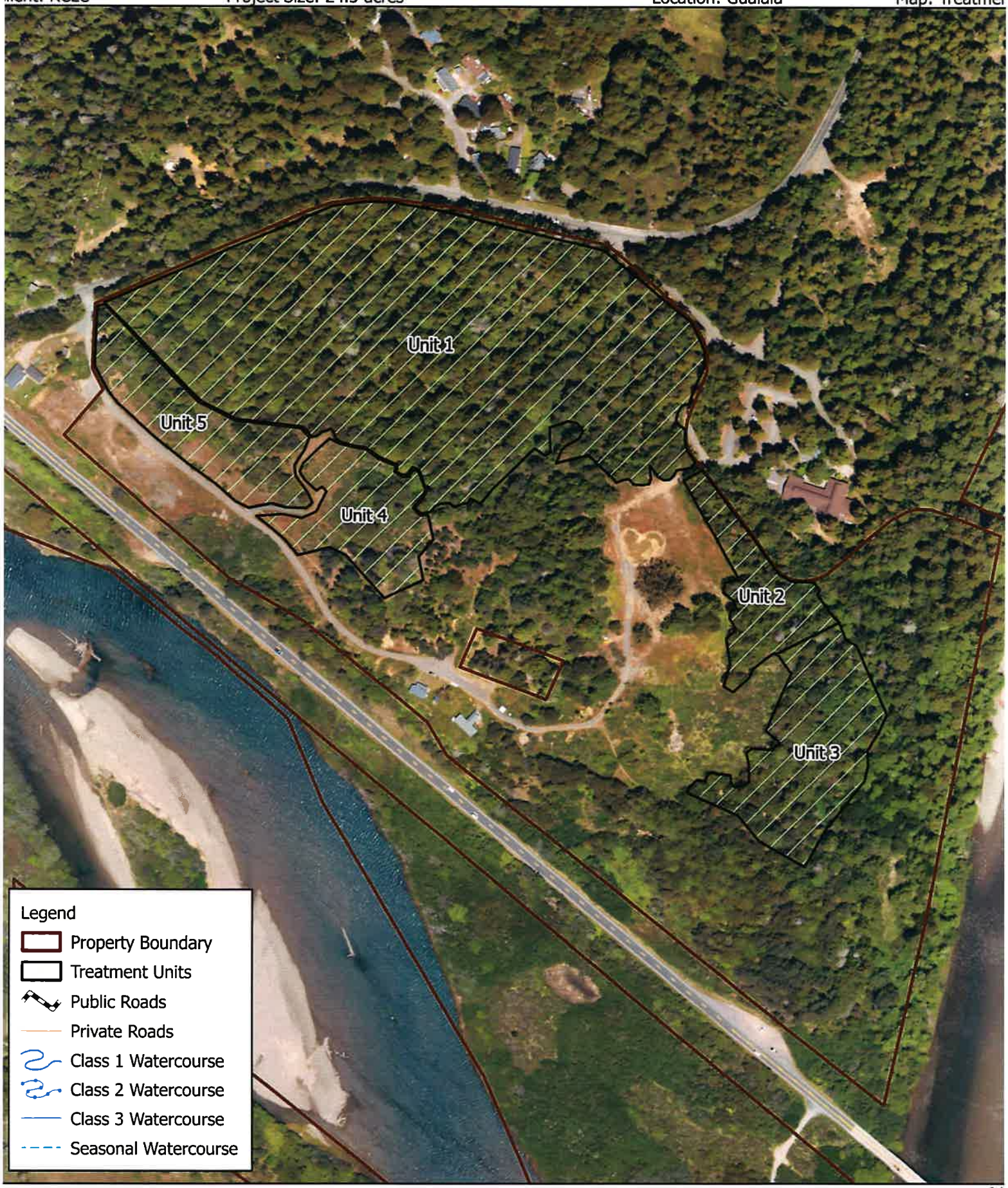
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

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

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Mill Bend Preserve

lient: RCLC | Project Size: 24.3 acres | Location: Gualala | Map: Treatmer



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Mendocino County

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