

Notice of Exemption

2026-159

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: Napa

1127 1st St suite A

Napa, CA 94559

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

1303 Jefferson st, Suite 500B

Napa, CA 94559

(Address)

Project Title: North Bay Forest Improvement Program - Hanks

Project Applicant: Megan Hanks - 6001 HWY 128, Napa, CA 94558

Project Location - Specific:

T7N R3W Section 23

510-861-8660

Project Location - City: Napa

Project Location - County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to cut trees and brush up to 4" DBH from 38 acres of the property to encourage resilient growth of early seral oak and other hardwood species. Work will be completed by hand and will be done to improve forest stand health and increase wildfire resiliency. Woody debris and slash will be piled and burned.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Megan Hanks - 6001 HWY 128, 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 Napa 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: 10/07/2026 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: _____

ENDORSED**OCT 08 2026**