



**State of California – The Resources Agency**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Bay Area District  
845 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954

**PROJECT TITLE:** Boundary Vegetation Modification, Fuel Reduction, Defensible Space Work

**LOCATION:** Mount Tamalpais State Park      **COUNTY:** Marin

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Reduce fuels and conduct vegetation modification and defensible space work in Mount Tamalpais State Park to reduce fire risk and address boundary tree hazards. Work will occur within the defensible space zone of 130 feet from structures, within a distance where an identified hazard tree threatens a structure, and where dead trees and woody flammable fuels increase fire risk. This project includes maintenance and limited expansion of existing vegetation modification zones including, but not limited to, the Throckmorton Ridge and Mountain Theatre zones. Work may be done by State Parks, contracted crews working for State Parks, or park neighbors (or their contractors) along the park boundary through issuance of Right of Entry Permits. Work will use hand or power tools to complete the following:

- Remove dead trees and live trees with poor vigor or structure;
- Thin remaining trees and shrubs;
- Remove ladder fuels by pruning the branches on trees and shrubs up to 10 feet above ground;
- Remove, chip, and/or pile burn all downed woody fuel greater than 1-inch diameter;
- Lop and scatter twigs less than 1-inch diameter;
- Remove dead organic matter and/or plant parts on, under, or in contact with any structures; and
- Cut grass to 4 inches high or less.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation  
**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Bay Area District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption      *Class: 4*      *Section: 15304*

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor public alterations of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, and is included as “resource management projects” in the Department of Parks and Recreation’s list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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