



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: Tomales Bay State Park

COUNTY: Marin

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Reduce fuels and conduct vegetation modification and defensible space work in Tomales Bay 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 the Seahaven and Shallow Beach 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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