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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:	Berkeley Meadow Vegetation Management
Lead Agency / Applicant:	East Bay Regional Park District Attn: Brian Holt 2950 Peralta Oaks Court Oakland, CA 94610

Project Location: McLaughlin Eastshore State Park

Project Description: East Bay Regional Park District (District) operates the Berkeley Meadow subunit of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park (Figure 1), which is located in the City of Berkeley and is bounded by Frontage Road to the east, University Avenue to the south, Marina Boulevard to the west. The District intends to implement ongoing vegetation management to maintain the seasonal wetland, coastal prairie, and coastal scrub habitats created through prior restoration efforts. Treatment methods will include techniques that do not entail ground disturbance, such as mowing, brush cutting, weed whacking, torching, and herbicide application.

Determination: The District reviewed this project and determines it to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements under Article 19 of the State CEQA Guidelines in the California Administrative Code based on the following Categorical Exemption categories:

Section 15301 – Existing Facilities: for minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographical features. The project entails maintenance of existing landscape features at Berkeley Meadow.

Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land: for minor alterations to land, water, and vegetation. The project entails minor vegetation alterations to improve habitat quality.

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