



**State of California – Natural 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 94954-5804

PROJECT TITLE: Riparian Restoration through Invasive Weed Control

LOCATION: Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove patches of non-native, invasive Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) along Adobe Creek in Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park to restore the native riparian community. Work will:

- Manually remove approximately .8 acres of Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) by cutting plants at their base without soil disturbance,
- Manually apply herbicide (glyphosate) on cut stems and re-apply as needed on small re-sprouting stems.

Work will be phased over several years, occurring in the fall during low water flow and outside of bird nesting season.

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 the minor public alterations in the condition of land, and vegetation that does not include removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as listed 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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