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: Coulter Pine Management

LOCATION: Mount Diablo State Park

COUNTY: Contra Costa

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:
 Remove Coulter Pines containing active beetle infestations and thin remaining stands at Mount Diablo State Park to conserve the Coulter Pines genetic population and protect the landscape. Work will:

• Identify active beetle infestations in Coulter Pines and remove and dispose of down trees;
• Thin remaining stands to a level prescribed by a forester as necessary to increase the vigor of uninfected trees.

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 in the condition of vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, 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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