

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Fife Creek Stream Restoration

LOCATION: Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve

COUNTY: Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove the remaining thirteen check dams and revetments (e.g., pillow sackcrete, rock slope protection) from within Fife Creek in Armstrong Redwoods State Reserve and place natural revetments of wood, rock, brush mattresses or live plantings to stabilize the stream banks and channel gradient. Removal of the existing check dams will take place in 2003 and 2004 and stream-bank revetments will be removed in subsequent years. This is a long-term program geared toward the restoration of predevelopment processes and biota to the Fife Creek watershed, with the ultimate goal of returning Fife Creek to a naturally functioning stream.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Bay District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
 Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
 Statutory Exemption (Section:)
 Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 4 Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, included as a "resource management project" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4. and the minor alteration of existing public structures (dams and revetments) involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels and included as "streambed restoration" in DPR's list of exempt activities.

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