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State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
303 Big Trees Park Road
Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Invasive Non-Native Tree Removal

LOCATION: Burlleigh H. Murray Ranch State Park COUNTY: San Mateo

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Remove and chemically treat approximately 150 acres of invasive, non-native trees (Monterey Pine, Monterey Cypress, Douglas Fir, and Blue Gum Eucalyptus) within the Burlleigh H. Murray Ranch State Park to manage and protect native plant communities. Work will:

- Use mechanical and manual means to remove invasive trees up to 36" DBH. Size may be limited to a lesser diameter due to local ordinances, rules or other permitting restrictions;
- Prevent re-sprout of Eucalyptus by applying a 50% roundup concentration solution (with or without dye) on the cambium ring of the tree or, to remove the tree in place, drill 3 inch deep holes at the base of the standing live tree at a 45° angle, approximately every 2 inches around the circumference of the tree, and apply a 50% roundup concentration solution into the holes.
- Cut material will be limbed, bucked and stacked into burn piles and burned at a later date or chipped, lopped and scattered on site.

These recommendations represent the safest and most efficient methods for the effective control of eucalyptus. Herbicides labels and SDS will be followed and appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP's) maintained throughout the duration of the project.

Mechanical removal of non-native trees within nesting bird season (Feb. 1st-Aug. 15th) will be avoided where feasible. When necessary, a survey for nesting birds will be conducted by a State Park Environmental Scientist or qualified designee to determine if there are any active nests in the area.

Avoidance measures will be taken to protect the Mills Barn historic structure, surrounding out buildings, and historic rock walls in the middle of the park. No trees will be felled or girdled with the potential to impact the unique cultural features of the park unit.

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

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

Class: 4

Section: 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes, included as a "resource management projects" in the Department of Park and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR15300.4.

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