

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  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** Bishop Pine Management Project

**LOCATION:** Fort Ross State Historic Park  
Salt Point State Park

**COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Implement the Bishop Pine Management Project in Fort Ross SHP and Salt Point SP to improve public safety by removing hazardous trees and reducing wildfire risk in developed areas and escape routes, and to improve forest health. The project includes the following elements:

- Remove dead and dying trees and reduce fuel loads from mature bishop pine stands;
- Manage the 27-year-old, 200-acre stand of bishop pine to encourage health;
- Implement measures designed to encourage reproduction of bishop pine.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Sonoma Mendocino Coast District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

X Categorical Exemption      Class: 4      Sections: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The project consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes 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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