State of California – The 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

PROJECT TITLE: Bennett Ridge Prescribed Burn

LOCATION: Trione-Annadel State Park (Bennett Ridge)   **COUNTY:** Sonoma

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Conduct prescribed broadcast burning in the Bennett Ridge area of Trione-Annadel State Park to restore the natural process of fire in the ecosystem and maintain a shaded fuel break. Work will occur within the spring or fall burn windows during appropriate weather conditions, in accordance with approved burn plans, and may include re-burning the unit over the next ten (10) years based on site monitoring and conditions. Work will use hand or power tools to construct maximum four-foot (4') wide fire lines down to mineral soil, which will be used as control lines for the burn units, along with wetlines as appropriate, and existing fire roads and trails including the Ridge Trail. Dead trees and shrubs will be felled near control lines as well.

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 or private alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, and is included as "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" and "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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