

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): _____
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472

(Address)

Project Title: WildNest 2026-2027 Forest Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

13400 Green Valley Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Project Location - City: Sebastopol Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to create a shaded fuel break of approximately 50 feet on either side of a ridgeline road with moderate slopes (20-40 degrees) and generally west- and east-facing aspects. Vegetation is primarily a mixed Douglas-fir and oak hardwood forest. High density of firs and bay laurels in the 4-8" DBH size class compete with mid-sized coast live and Oregon white oaks. The understory is occupied by regeneration-sized trees of the same species (though oak regeneration is low) as well as some blackberry and French broom.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Rose Antaki

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304 Minor Alteration to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the planned activities meet the definition of "forestry" in PRC§753, and have been reviewed and approved by a Registered Professional Forester in consultation with experts from other pertinent fields who have attested that the activities proposed in this project will only have the potential for at most impacts that are less than significant to the environment, having provided adequate measures for avoidance of sensitive environmental resources. Project activities will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees, and will not result in a substantial alteration of the current function of the land. Project specific analysis is on file at the RCD.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Rose Antaki Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 823-5244 ext. 22

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 9/24/26 Title: Forestry Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____