



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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| PROJECT TITLE | Oak Ridge RAWs | | |
| PROJECT LOCATION | Section 2, T10N, R13W Mt. Diablo Baseline and Meridian | COUNTY | Sonoma |
| LEAD AGENCY | California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) | | |
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection will install a permanent remote automated weather station with a surrounding metal T-post-style fence. The proposed site is a grassy opening immediately adjacent to a dirt road. The property is owned by Sustainable Conservation, Inc. The remote automated weather station will be installed by two CAL FIRE employees and will be secured to the ground by driving 6 metal stakes through the feet of the station. The fence will consist of approximately 8 metal T-posts and three strands of wire. The total area affected will be approximately 400 square feet. Total soil disturbance for this project will be less than one cubic meter. The installation of the remote automated weather station and fence will take approximately one day and will be completed by two CAL FIRE employees. The remote automated weather station will provide a reliable representative weather station for both the Sonoma and Mendocino coast lines-- an area currently not represented by any of the existing remote automated weather station in both the Sonoma-Lake-Napa and Mendocino CAL FIRE Units. Once established the weather observations will be used to help determine the appropriate response levels for wildland fires in the coastal areas of both Sonoma-Lake-Napa and Mendocino CAL FIRE Units.

EXEMPTION STATUS

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | Type/Section: New Construction or conversion of small structures §15303 Class 3 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption (state code section): | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)) | | |

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of §15303 Class 3 New Construction or conversion of small structures

Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at LNU Unit Headquarters, 1199 Big Tree Road, St Helena, CA 94574.

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 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection 8/18/16

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