

**CEQA # 14375**  
District Project # 2025-06



**State of California – The Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Bay Area District  
845 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954

**PROJECT TITLE:** Upper Island and Southside Prescribed Burns

**LOCATION:** Angel Island State Park      **COUNTY:** Marin

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Project entails prescribed burning of grasslands, shrublands, and woodland areas within the boundaries of Angel Island State Park to reduce fuel loads, improve biodiversity, and protect native grassland, woodland and coastal scrubland plant communities. Existing Park roads and trails will be used as fire control lines and fire lines may be constructed where needed to protect sensitive resources, infrastructure, and utilities. Constructed fire lines will be limited to a width of 4 feet. Dead trees, shrubs, and tree limbs will be removed near control lines and in burn units and may be piled and burned in order to both prep the units for burning and to accomplish burn objectives. The prescribed burns will be conducted according to an approved burn plan, written and executed under the direction and supervision of a qualified burn boss, in coordination with the Marin County Fire Department, the Tiburon Fire Protection District and the Sonoma-Lake-Napa (LNU) unit of CalFire.

**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:* 1 & 4      *Section:* 15301 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and/or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, and/or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and 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 "Prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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