

STATE OF CALIFORNIA Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Memorandum

Date: January 23, 2020

To: All Reviewing Agencies

From: Scott Morgan, Director

Re: SCH # 2017112054

Estero Trail Easement: Designation of Trail Corridors and Associated

Staging Areas and Construction and Operation of Recreational Amenities Project

Pursuant to the attached letter, the Lead Agency has *extended* the review period for the above referenced project to **February 28, 2020** to accommodate the review process. All other project information remains the same.

cc: Rich Stabler

Sonoma County Natural Resources Section 2550 Ventura Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95403



This notice was posted on 1-23-20 and will remain posted for a period of thirty days through 2-24-21

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING AND EXTENSION OF THE COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE PROPOSED ESTERO TRAIL PROJECT

A scoping meeting was held for the project on December 13, 2017 at the Valley Ford School House in Valley Ford, CA. A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) has been prepared to provide detailed information and analyze potential impacts of the project, to the public and to responsible agencies, and is now available for review. The Sonoma County Planning Commission will consider the DEIR at their regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2020.

Project Location: The proposed project site is located at the Bordessa Ranch property, 17000 Valley Ford Cutoff, in unincorporated Sonoma County, west of the town of Valley Ford.

Proposed Project: The project would establish two pedestrian/hiker-only trail corridors with associated staging areas (trailheads/parking lots) that would allow for low-intensity public access to pursue outdoor, recreational, and educational uses. Future uses may include hiking, nature study, bird watching, sightseeing, picnicking, outdoor education, docent led tours, scientific research and observation, and other similar uses. Allowable uses may also include limited, seasonal walk-in access to the Estero for pedestrians and hand-carried, non-motorized boats, such as kayaks and canoes.

Where to Review the DEIR: Copies of the DEIR are available for public review and for copying at the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Regional Parks 2300 County Center Drive, Suite B 100 Santa Rosa, California 95403 or online at: http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Parks/Planning/Estero-Trail/ or at the addresses listed below:

Sonoma County Central Library, 3rd and E Streets, Santa Rosa or Sebastopol Regional Library 7140 Bodega Avenue Sebastopol, CA 95472

Comment Period: Written comments on the DEIR may be made during the period of December 11, 2019, and is now extended through Friday February 28, 2020. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020. Comments should be addressed to:

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, Attn: Rich Stabler.

Public Hearings: The Sonoma County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on February 20, 2020 at 1:50 pm at: the Permit Sonoma Hearing Room,

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2550 Ventura Avenue Santa Rosa CA 95403-2859 (707) 565-1900 www.PermitSonoma.org

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. This will be to accept oral or written comments on the adequacy of the DEIR.

After the close of the public comment period, responses to comments and a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will be prepared. The FEIR will be presented to the Sonoma County Planning Commission for a recommendation at a time and date uncertain, which will be noticed at a later date. The Board of Supervisors will decide whether to certify the EIR and approve the project.

If you challenge the decisions on the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised before the Planning Commission and/or Board of Supervisors at one of the hearings or in written form delivered to the Board of Supervisors prior to the hearing.

For Further Information: If you have questions regarding the DEIR, FEIR, or the hearings, please contact Senior Environmental Specialist, Rich Stabler at (707) 565-8352 or at Rich.Stabler@sonoma-county.org.

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