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## NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF 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 DEIR has been prepared to provide more information to the public and to responsible agencies and is now available for review. The Sonoma County Planning Commission will consider the DEIR at a future meeting that will likely be held mid-January 2020. A subsequent notice will be sent when the date is finalized.

**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/PRMD/Planning/Significant-EIRs/>, <https://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, through Monday, January 27, 2020**. Comments must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 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 to be scheduled in early 2020. 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 FEIR 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 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](mailto:Rich.Stabler@sonoma-county.org).

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