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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Gold Ridge RCD
2776 Sullivan Road
Sebastopol, CA 95472

County Clerk
County of: Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive #103F
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(Address)

Project Title: Ebabias Creek Riparian Restoration Project

Project Applicant: Gold Ridge RCD

Project Location - Specific:

15007 Highway 1

Project Location - City: Valley Ford Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to restore riparian habitat to an 1,800-ft reach of lower Ebabias Creek on a family dairy in southwestern Sonoma County. The project will involve the installation of 550 native plants consisting of over 25 different species. The work will be completed by hand tools.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

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: 15333 Small Habitat Restoration Projects
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project does not exceed five acres in size and the project seeks to restore habitat with native plant species. The project will be carried out with hand labor and not mechanized equipment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: William Hart Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-823-5244 x 15

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: William J Hart Date: 29 JAN 2020 Title: 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:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Date: January 29, 2020

From: William Hart, Project Manager William@goldridgercd.org

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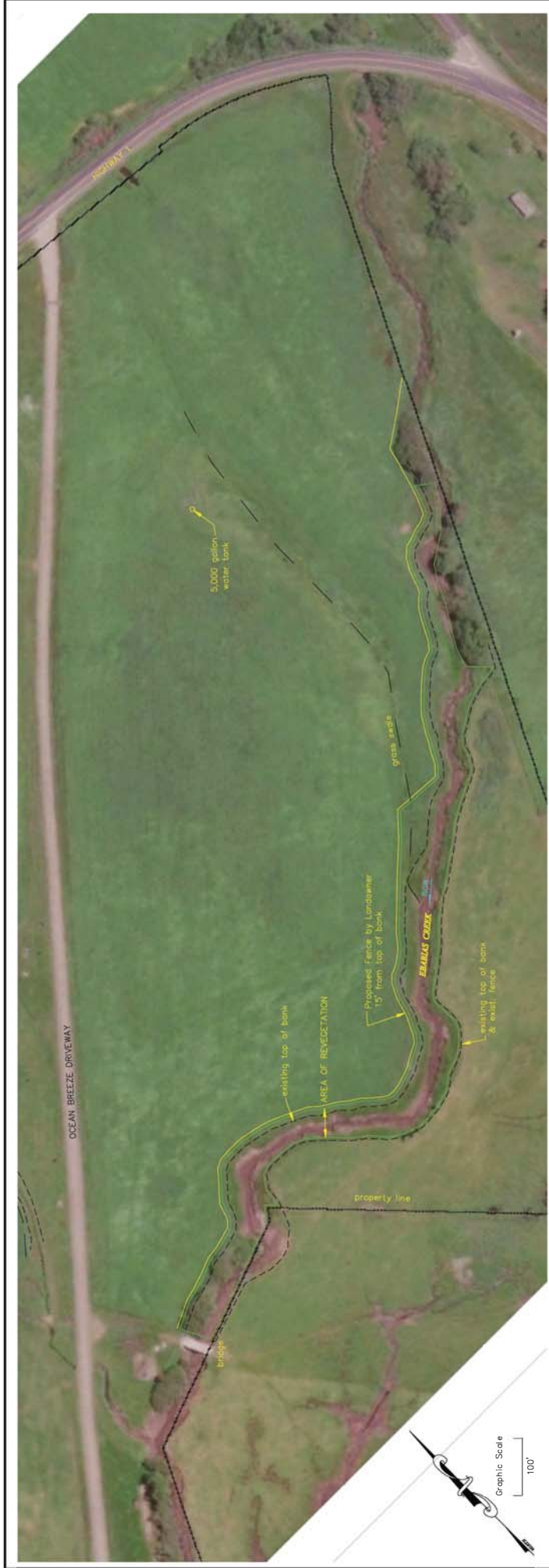
Project Applicant: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Location: 15007 Highway 1

Project Location – City: Valley Ford, CA

Project Location – County: Sonoma

Description of the Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of this project is to restore riparian habitat to an 1,800-ft reach of lower Ebabias Creek on a family dairy in southwestern Sonoma County. Ebabias Creek is the primary tributary of Americano Creek, whose watershed estuary, the Estero Americano, drains into Bodega Bay and the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. Considered one of California’s most unique coastal wetland types, the Estero Americano contains a diverse assemblage of wetland communities and estuarine habitats. The project will involve the installation of at least 550 native container plants consisting of over 25 different species. The restored riparian zone will serve as an important wildlife corridor, perennial aquatic habitat, and migration shelter and it will be achieved through a collaborative, transferable environmental education model targeting both youth and the agricultural community. The project will be implemented through a partnership between the RCD, the Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB), and Point Blue Conservation Science’s environmental education program (STRAW).



PLANT LIST

Tree & Shrub	Binomial	# of Plants
Alder, Red	<i>Alnus rubra</i>	10
Alder, White	<i>Alnus incana</i>	10
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans nigra</i>	10
Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	10
Bay	<i>Asar saguado</i>	40
Coast Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	60
Coffeeberry	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	10
Coyote Bush	<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	10
Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	60
Douglas Fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	40
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>	10
Madrone	<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	40
Oregon Spiky	<i>Opuntia</i>	40
Redwood	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>	100
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	40
Spicebush	<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	10
Toyon	<i>Heteromeles obtusiloba</i>	10
Wax Myrtle	<i>Mexalea californica</i>	60

Identification Plants

CA Blackberry	<i>Rubus urinus</i>	6
Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	6
Snowberry	<i>Rubus spectabilis</i>	6
Spicebush	<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	6
Tuleberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	6

Total # of Plants 660

- PLANTING NOTES**
- Plants should be derived from sources local to the project. Plants not locally available.
 - Plants should only be purchased from nurseries that use sanitary practices to avoid plant pathogens such as the phytophthora genus.
 - Contractor shall implement sanitary practices to avoid the spread of plant pathogens. See "Guidelines to avoid Phytophthora contamination in restoration projects" at Suddenkiddeth.org.
 - Contractor shall plant in accordance with the CA Dept. of Fish and Game **STEADFAST** and "Revegetation" Ch. VII "Planting Seedlings".
 - Place plants a minimum of 6' from fence.
 - Minimum container plant size shall be Deepot 16 (D-16)
 - IRRIGATION:** Revegetation Contractor is responsible for drip irrigation system.
 - MAINTENANCE:** Revegetation Contractor is responsible for maintenance of plants throughout a three (3) year maintenance period.

- PLANTING NOTES**
- The following planting measures shall be implemented by the CONTRACTOR:
 - WATERING BASIN:** Contractor shall form a watering basin at each plant, with minimum 1 gallon capacity.
 - WEED MAT or MULCH:** Contractor shall place a biodegradable weed mat, or mulch, at each plant. Ground cover shall be minimum 30% before placement. Anchor weed mat to avoid displacement by wind and water. Wood chip mulch is preferred outside of the waterway channel.
 - DEER BROWSE PROTECTION:** Contractor shall place minimum 6' x 6' x 1/2" wire mesh, or an equivalent approved by Gold Ridge RCD. Each cage shall be secured with two 6' long metal T-posts, 2' into the ground.
 - CLEANUP:** Revegetation Contractor is responsible to remove all litter and materials not usable for plants.

- Project Statistics:**
- Length of revegetation 1,760'
 - Average width of reveget 62'
 - Area of revegetation 2.5 acres (area as shown above, includes water)
 - Plant spacing 10' on center
 - Total # of plants = 550 plants

