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Notice of Exemption

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

From: (Public Agency):
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, Rm 1311, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Mill Bend Conservation Project

Project Applicant: Redwood Coast Land Conservancy

Project Location - Specific:
46902 Old State Highway, Gualala, CA 95445
Mendocino County APNs 145-261-08; 145-290-05; 145-09-08 Sonoma County APN 122-020-04

Project Location - City: Gualala, CA Project Location - County: Mendocino & Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Fee acquisition of 113 acres of coastal wetlands, riparian and associated uplands at the estuary and lower reach of the Gualala River. The acquisition will protect the land from residential/commercial development and provide permanent conservation of the land for wildlife habitat and for passive public access.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Redwood Coast Land Conservancy

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15313 (a)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The acquisition of lands for wildlife conservation purposes including preservation of fish and wildlife habitat is categorically exempt from CEQA requirements under section 15313(a). The project will protect coastal wetlands, riparian and upland habitats at the estuary and lower reach of the Gualala River.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Carolyn Bush Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-7895

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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/31/2020 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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