

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): _____
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 9th Street, Rm 1311, Sacramento CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma Mountain Vernal Pool Preserve Acquisition

Project Applicant: Sonoma Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

8301 Bennett Valley Road, Glen Ellen, California 95404; APNs: 055-030-029 and 055-040-013

Project Location - City: Glen Ellen Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will acquire 174 acres of land in Sonoma County known as the Sonoma Mountain Vernal Pool Preserve. The project will protect the property's oak woodland, riparian, and vernal pool habitats as well as preserving an important wildlife corridor.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma Land Trust

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: Section 15325(a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

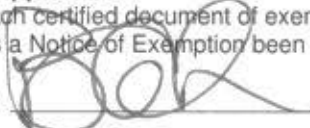
Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15325(a), because it consists of the transfer of ownership of interests in 174 acres of land in order to preserve open space and existing natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennifer Thomas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 651-2483

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:  Date: 2/11/2009 Title: Assistant Secretary

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: _____