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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Sonoma County
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, California 95403

From: Sonoma County Regional Parks
2300 County Center Drive, Suite 120A
Santa Rosa, California 95403

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, determines that the following project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act:

DUTCH BILL CREEK ACQUISITION

Project Title

8610 Main Street, Monte Rio CA 95462 (Assessor Parcels: 096-010-003, 096-010-008, 096-010-010, 096-020-003, 096-030-004, 096-040-005, 096-050-007, 096-080-005)

Project Location – Specific

Unincorporated, Monte Rio

Sonoma

Project Location - City

Project Location - County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the acquisition of properties from private property owners. The properties consist of a total of an estimated 515.45 acres including the eight Assessor Parcels listed above. The purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land for park purposes, and protect the open space values of the property and plant and animal habitat. A park management plan has not yet been developed for the property. The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department will develop a park management plan prior to any substantial recreational improvements and the appropriate CEQA analysis will be conducted at that time. In the interim, the property will remain in its natural condition. The County will take actions consonant with the protecting intact resources and restoring any impacted natural resources on the property such as: debris removal and other site clean-up; repair or replacement of existing facilities such as fencing, gates, benches and trails; minor fuel management, habitat protection and restoration; and provision of interim public access to acquaint the public with the property.

In accordance with Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 13, Chapter 2, §21080.28 (b) environmental review under CEQA will occur prior to approval of any project that would make physical changes to the land. The acquisition of the property to preserve this opportunity will benefit the general public.

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Public Agency Approving Project

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial | [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15269(b)(c)] | Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: <u>Betsy Penn</u>
Betsy Penn, Deputy Clerk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency | [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)] | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project | [§21080(b)(4)] | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption | §21080.28; §15260-15285 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | General Rule | §15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | §15301(a),(d),(f): Existing Facilities, and 15302(b),(c): Replacement or Reconstruction | |

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to, §21080.28(a) the acquisition of this property is exempt from CEQA because the purpose of the acquisition and granting of a conservation easement is to preserve the land for park purposes as specified in subsection (a)(1)(F) while restoring the natural condition of the property including plant and animal habitats and preservation of open space per subsection (a)(1)(A).

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