

NOTICE OF A SONOMA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE PROPOSED ESTERO TRAIL PROJECT LOCATED NEAR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VALLEY FORD

This Notice of Virtual Public Hearing was issued during the Sonoma County Shelter in Place order. Additional accommodations and digital file review are available.

WHO: Project Applicant, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space District and Sonoma County Regional Parks Department.

WHAT: The project would establish two pedestrian/hiker-only trail corridors with associated staging areas including trailheads and parking lots with a combine total of 1.5 acres and 30 parking spaces to allow for low-intensity public access to pursue outdoor, recreational, and educational uses. Uses would 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. On a 500 acre parcel located at **17000 Valley Ford Cutoff, Valley Ford, APN 026-030-011. Supervisorial District 5.**

Parcel Zoning: Land Extensive Agriculture Coastal District, which allows for a density of one residence per 160 acres with a minimum lot size of 640 acres and combining zones for Riparian Corridor (RC) and Scenic Resource (SR).

The Sonoma County Planning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing to accept oral or written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. Members of the Public May Not Attend this Meeting in Person.

A scoping meeting was held for the project on December 13, 2017 at the Valley Ford School House in Valley Ford, CA. A Draft EIR has been prepared to provide more information to the public and to responsible agencies. The Sonoma County Planning Commission will consider the DEIR at this regularly scheduled meeting.

WHERE & WHEN:

July 16, 2020 at 1:20 PM, In accordance with Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted via videoconference only without a physical location from which members of the public may observe and offer public comment. Members of the public may watch, listen, and participate in the hearing through Zoom or by phone or submit written comment prior to the hearing as described below. In accordance with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 the hearing will be held online. This item was reschedule from a previous date.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

Project materials and associated documents normally available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 are now available digitally through the project planner. For more information about this proposal, to submit comments, or to review files digitally, please contact Senior Environmental Specialist, Richard Stabler at Rich.stabler@sonoma-county.org or (707) 565-8352.

GETTING INVOLVED:

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project please contact the Environmental Specialist noted above. **Public comment prior to the meeting:** Public comment may be submitted via email to the Environmental Specialist through July 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Public comment during the meeting: Members of the public who join the Zoom meeting, either through the Zoom app or by telephone, will have an opportunity to provide live comments during the hearing. Please refer to the meeting agenda for instructions on how to join the

meeting via the Zoom app or by telephone. The agenda will be posted 1 week prior to the hearing date located: <http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Planning-Commission/>

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

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