



State of California
 The Natural Resources Agency
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

2020060201

PROJECT TITLE Scott Property Fee Title Acquisition

PROJECT LOCATION Aetna Springs Road, Pope Valley **COUNTY** Napa
Napa County Assessor's Parcel number 018-300-023

LEAD AGENCY California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is for granting of funding for the purchase of fee title for private property and placement of a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement (NOUGA) on the title. The purpose of the fee title purchase and NOUGA can be summarized as protection of the working forest property to ensure that (1) it remain a working forest with no conversion to non-forest use and (2) no subdivision occur at any time in the future. This purpose has the desired outcome of conserving forest resources, soil resources, water resources, wildlife habitat, open space character, and scenic viewshed qualities of the Property. The property is being purchased by Napa Land Trust with grant funds provided by CAL FIRE through the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to conserve working forest lands, soil and water resources, and wildlife habitat in California.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 17 and 25
 - §15301 Existing Facilities
 - §15303 (e) New Construction
 - §15304 (f) Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Categorical Exemptions: Class 17 (Open Space Contracts or Easements) and Class 25 (Transfer of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources). Class 17 consists of the establishment of agricultural reserves, the making and renewing of open space contracts under the Williamson Act, or acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open character of the area. Class 25 consists of transfers of ownership in interests in land in order to preserve existing natural conditions and historical resources. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impacts would occur. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's headquarters at: 1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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