

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

County Clerk
County of: Sonoma

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma Mountain Stormwater Management and Rainwater Storage

Project Applicant: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:
490 Sonoma Mountain Road

Project Location - City: Petaluma Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached sheet

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

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: Class 3 - §15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project includes construction of two 100,000 gallon tanks that will be filled by rainwater coming off of existing buildings. Associated fill lines and water lines serving the tank are included in construction. This project will be funded by a resource conservation grant.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Erica Mikesh Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-569-1448/108

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: Valerie Date: 7/6/2020 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: Jul 09 2020

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### Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project

This project would reduce stormwater runoff to Washington Creek, a tributary to the Petaluma River in southern Sonoma County. The project site is an equine facility where current peak flows leaving the property have caused significant erosion along the channels of Washington Creek. The project includes the construction of rainwater storage tanks (200,000 gallon capacity) that would be filled from the roofs of several large structures around the property including barns and horse arenas. These structures already have gutters and downspouts in place that can be used to tie into the rainwater storage system, and the tanks have been sized based on projected runoff from these structures.

The project will also restore native plants on the property, with vegetated swales designed to slow, spread, and sink stormwater that is not captured in the tanks. Plants will be irrigated and established using water stored in the tanks.