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SONOMA COUNTY

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

**PROJECT TITLE:** Mattos Dairies

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 602 Hammel Rd Petaluma, CA 94952

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Purchase of a conservation easement over 700.92 acres by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District**  
747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4850

**PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT:** Stephanie Tavares-Buhler 707-565-7362  
Acquisition Specialist

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Ministerial** (Section 15073)
- Declared Emergency** (Section 15071(a))
- Emergency Project** (Section 15071(b) & (c))
- Categorical Exemption** pursuant to Section(s) 15378 & 15317, title 14, of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Statutory Exemption** pursuant to Section 21080.28 of the Public Resources Code.

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21050.28, the project is exempt because it is the acquisition of an interest in land by a public agency for the preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of transfer, including plant and animal habitats; continues agricultural use of the land; and preserves open space. Alternatively, pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15317, the District's acceptance of the easement

THIS NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

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