

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sonoma County Clerk
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: Sonoma County Water Agency
404 Aviation Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

This notice was posted on 12/11/2020
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 01/11/2021

Doc No.49-12112020-450

Project Title: Riverfront Park Weir Repair Project

Project Location - Specific: The project site is located at Riverfront Regional Park at 7821 Eastside Road, approximately 3 miles southwest of the Town of Windsor, California, in central Sonoma County (see Figure 1).

Project Location - City: Unincorporated

County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the stabilization and re-arming of the Lake Benoit weir at the southern end of Riverfront Regional Park (Figure 1). The weir, a bank stabilization feature that functions as a grade control structure between Lake Benoit and the Russian River, has eroded on the lakeside from high storm flows moving from the Russian River into Lake Benoit. High flows from the river overtopped the weir, eroded a previously installed hiking trail and created a large scour pit at the base of the outlet that is contributing to the destabilization of the weir. The project proposes to remove the damaged trail and utilize approximately 600 cubic feet of the trail material to fill in and regrade the scour pit. The trail will not be replaced due to repeated disturbance during overflow events. Re-grading would occur on approximately 17,000 square feet of area. Approximately 33,000 square feet of the damaged weir area would be re-armored with approximately 2,000 cubic yards of new rip-rap. The total area of potential disturbance is approximately 42,000 square feet. Tree removal will only occur in the re-armor and re-grade area. Where feasible, existing tree roots will be retained and incorporated with rip-rap. Any water in the scour pond will be pumped out and a fish rescue will be conducted prior to all work. Construction vehicle access to the weir will occur along the east side of Lake Benoit Loop Trail.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

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: 15301(b): Existing Facilities. 15302(c): Replacement or Reconstruction.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: BP

Betsy Penn, Deputy Clerk

Reasons why project is exempt: The project consists of the repair and minor alteration of public facilities and topographic features at the site with substantially the same purpose as the facilities and topographic features being repaired, and involves no expansion of capacity. The project will involve the restoration and stabilization of the existings eroded weir and as a result, will improve conditions that currently exist on the site, including fish and wildlife habitat, by minimizing potential future erosion. All work will be conducted inside the work area (Figure 1), which is mostly within waters of the U.S. Repairs would be started after lake levels have declined during the summer season and the area to be repaired is dry, except for the scour pit, which will be pumped dry following fish rescue. Disturbed areas will be seeded with native species to encourage regrowth of native vegetation and reduce potential future erosion.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jeff Caurch

Telephone: 707-547-1949

Signature: 

Title: General Manager

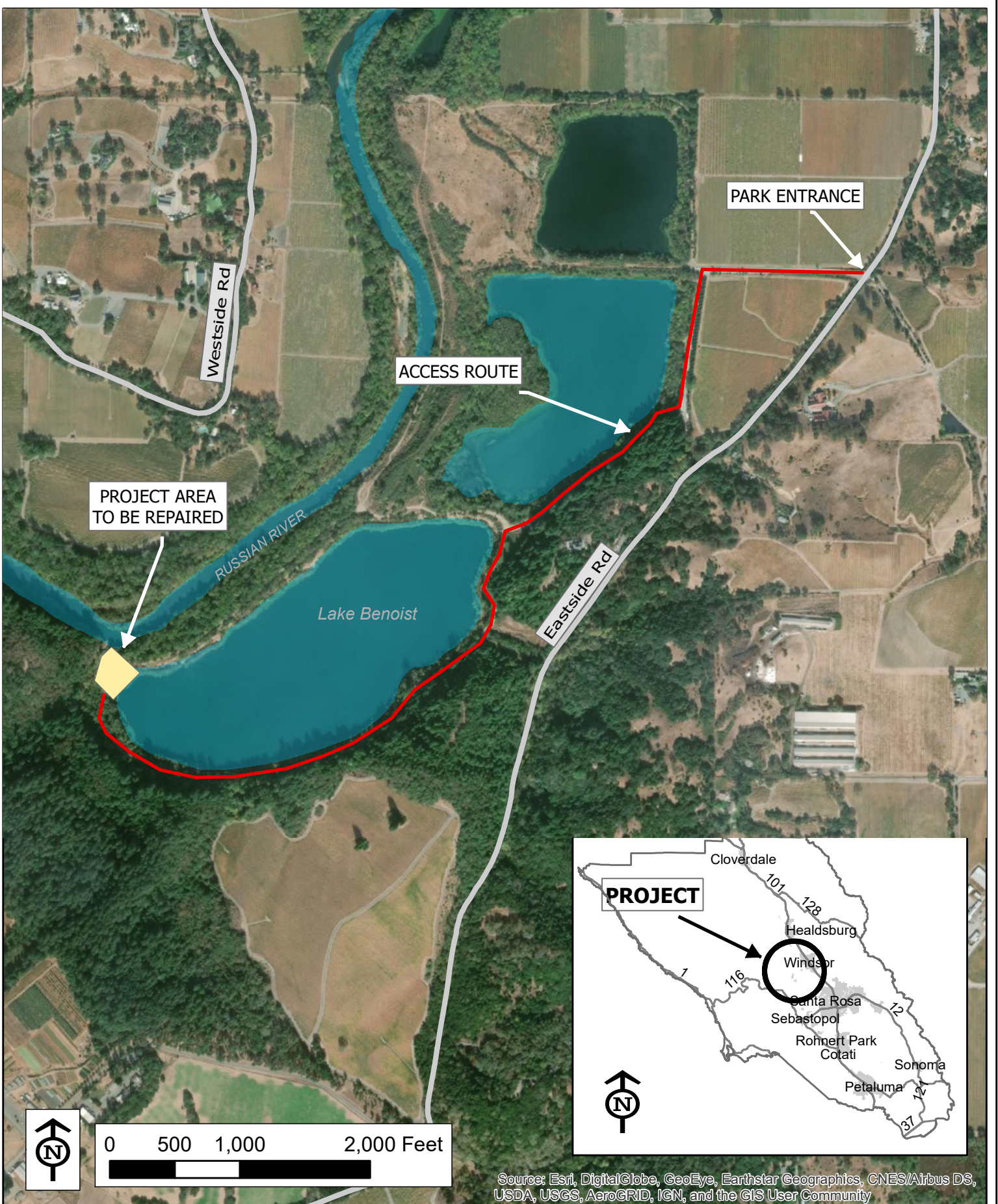
Date: 12/7/2020

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



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Sonoma County Water Agency Riverfront Park Weir Repair Project

Figure 1



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-12112020-450
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY S/C WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/11/2020
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 20-1211-02	

PROJECT TITLE
RIVERFRONT PARK WEIR REPAIR PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME S/C WATER AGENCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707)547-1949
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 404 AVIATION BLVD	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95403

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,136.50	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Betsy Penn, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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