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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Sonoma County
2300 County Center Drive, B177
Santa Rosa, California 95403

From: Sonoma County Regional Parks
2300 County Center Drive, Suite 120A
Santa Rosa, California 95403

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, determines that the following project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act:

Donation of Fitzsimmons Property – Addition to Hood Mt. Regional Park and Open Space Preserve

Project Title

APN 051-010-083, 051-010-084, and 051-010-085

Project Location – Specific

Unincorporated Sonoma County

Sonoma County

Project Location - City

Project Location - County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the transfer of fee title to the Fitzsimmons property from the Sonoma Land Trust to expand the County's Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. The property consists of approximately 205.4 acres of natural habitat in the Mayacamas Mountains. The Fitzsimmons property straddles the ridge between Hood Mountain and Bald Mountain and is visible from the Highway 12 scenic corridor and numerous regional vantage points. The property encompasses part of the headwaters of Sonoma Creek through the Bear Creek and Golden Creek tributaries, which flow to the south. The property has historically been used for private recreation purposes including grazing cattle, horses, camping, hunting, and hiking.

Acquiring this property helps expand a vast block of remaining wildlands in the highly subdivided southern Mayacamas, connecting Hood Mountain with Bald Mountain. The purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the open space values of the property, provide additional trails, protect natural resources and the wilderness experience provided at the Park, and offer a near wilderness recreational experience close to population centers. The Grant Deed will restrict the Fitzsimmons Property to general park use. The County may replace or reconstruct existing fences and gates, provide minor fuel management and debris removal, conduct limited habitat restoration, maintain the existing access, and provide for interim public use to the property.

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Public Agency Approving Project

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial | [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15269(b)(c)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency | [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project | [§21080(b)(4)] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption | §21080.28(a); §15260-15285 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | General Rule | §15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | §15301: Existing Facilities |

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to, §21080.28(a) the acquisition of this property is exempt from CEQA because the purpose of accepting the donation is to preserve the land for park purposes as specified in subsection (a)(1)(F). Repair and replacement of existing fences and similar property maintenance is exempt per §15301: Existing Facilities.

Steve Ehret

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