

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

This Notice of Intent was issued during the Sonoma County Shelter in Place order. Additional accommodations and digital file review are available.

WHO: Swicegood Civil Engineering, Inc., **Permit Sonoma File No. UPE18-0054**

WHAT: Request for a Use Permit for a 3-phase, 10.33-acre cemetery on a 21-acre parcel at 3367 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, **APN 134-082-055. Supervisorial District 5.** The project includes three phases that will result in a total of 4,125 burial plots over the course of 86 years. Phase 1 includes demolition of an existing barn and garage; construction of 960 square foot refrigeration building and a 960 square foot equipment storage building; construction of an access road between planned monument area (to be constructed in Phase II) and Stony Point Road and a 2.46-acre cemetery burial area. Phase II includes construction of a memorial plaza and an additional 5.3 acres of cemetery burial area. Phase II is anticipated to begin three to five years after initiation of Phase I. Phase III includes an additional 2.31 acres of cemetery area and is expected to begin after the burial sites in Phase II are reserved. The project site will have 27 parking spaces, including a single accessible space. Up to 4 annual special events and large burial services, typically attended by five to 25 people for a duration of less than an hour, are anticipated. This includes an annual event following Easter, with up to 150 guests visiting grave sites. Restrooms are located on the adjoining church site, which would be connected to the subject site with a proposed pedestrian pathway. Larger events will have portable restroom facilities available for use. Hours of operation will be from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Sunday. Administrative operations, including scheduling, would be conducted by staff appointed and hired by the Church. Maintenance operations which include grounds keeping and burial operations by contracted staff.

Parcel Zoning: Agriculture and Residential District (AR), 5-acre density (B6 5), and Valley Oak Habitat Combining District (VOH).

In accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, the County of Sonoma provides notice to agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project. The IS/MND did not find potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level. The IS/MND released by Permit Sonoma at 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 is available through the project planner at this time.

WHERE &

WHEN: After the close of the IS/MND public review period, the Sonoma County Board of Zoning Adjustments *has been tentatively rescheduled to hold a public hearing on June 10, 2021* to consider the adoption of the IS/MND. A final hearing notice will be issued ten (10) days prior to the confirmed hearing date.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

Project materials and associated documents normally available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 are now available through the Project Planner, Sou Garner at sgarner@migcom.com or (916) 329-8897 EXT. 5020 and through

Planner@sonoma-county.org. Alternative record accommodations are available upon request.

**GETTING
INVOLVED:**

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project please contact the project planner listed above. The required 30-day public review period on the IS/MND is April 30, 2021 to May 31, 2021. Comments on the IS/MND must be received by **May 31, 2021 at 5:00PM**. All comments received after the review period will be included in the public record for consideration and provided to the decision-making body prior to or at the public hearing scheduled as above.

If you challenge the decision on the project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Permit Sonoma at or prior to the public hearing.

DATE: April 30, 2021