

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): _____
Sonoma Resource Conservation District
1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

(Address)

Project Title: SMZC Road Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

6367 Sonoma Mountain Road

Project Location - City: Santa Rosa

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to minimize the amount of sediment entering into Sonoma Creek and its tributaries by implementing a series of road drainage improvements along an unpaved property access road.

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 1 - §15301 , Class 33 - §15333
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


This project is being funded through a grant from the state Water Resources Control Board to reduce sediment delivery into Sonoma Creek Watershed. This project is routine road drainage and stormwater maintenance that will reduce sediment entering into an unnamed tributary of Sonoma Creek, and help improve fish habitat.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Anya Starovoytov Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-569-1448 x109

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:  Date: 4/27/2021 Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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: _____

**Notice of Exemption (NOE) for Grant Projects
State Water Resource Control Board Concurrence**

Agreement Number: D1813204 Date NOE Filed: _____
 Grantee: Sonoma Resource Conservation District County: Sonoma
 Lead Agency: Sonoma Resource Conservation District State Clearinghouse #: _____

Project Title: SMZC Road Improvement Project
 Project Location (attach map, if applicable): 6367 Sonoma Mountain Road, Santa Rosa, CA
 Project Description: The purpose of this project is to minimize sediment losses from an unpaved road network to Sonoma Creek and its tributaries to help meet the Sediment TMDL for Sonoma Creek watershed. The proposed project consists of installing eight (8) rolling dips, including one rocked rolling dip, outsloping of one 40 foot section of road, re-establishing a ditch and installing two (2) ditch relief culverts.

CEQA Categorical/Statutory Exemptions: Check all exemptions the project meets:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 15301: Class 1 Existing Facilities	Operation, repair, maintenance and/or minor alteration of an existing structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 15302: Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction	Replacement or reconstruction of an existing structure where the new or replacement structure is located on the same site
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 15303: Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures	Construction or remodification of a limited number of new or existing small structures
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 15304: Class 4 Minor Alteration to Land	Minor alteration to the condition of land, water and or vegetation with no negative impact to existing scenic trees
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 15306: Class 6 Information Collection	Basic data collection and research with no disturbance to an environmental resource
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 15262: Feasibility and Planning Studies	A project involving only feasibility or planning studies
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 15269: Emergency Projects	A project that is deemed an emergency as described in Section 15269
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 15333: Class 33 Small Habitat Restoration Projects	Project is five acres or less and ensures a positive impact for fish, plants or wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Provide Section number and description:

Exceptions to NOE: Must mark box indicating whether statement applies. If you mark "yes" then the NOE does not apply – call your GM

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Location – Is the project located in a particularly sensitive environment where location exception applies? (for class 3,4,6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cumulative Impact – Will there or have there been successive projects of the same type in the same place, and over time is becoming environmentally significant?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Significant Effect – Is there a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scenic Highway – Could the project cause damage to the environment within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hazardous Waste Site – Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Historical Resources – Could the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource?

I certify to the best of my knowledge the information in this form is correct and the project is exempt from CEQA and will not result in any significant effect on the environment:

Grantee: Print: <i>Valerie Quinto</i>	Grant Manager Concurrence: Print:	State Water Board Concurrence: Print:
Signature: <i>Valerie Quinto</i>	Signature:	Signature:
Date: <i>4/27/2021</i>	Date:	Date: