



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
49-11172021-496

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/17/2021
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 21-1117-01
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PROJECT TITLE  
ACQUISITION OF COUGAR LANDING – ADDITION TO HOOD MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-2041
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2300 COUNTY CENTER DR STE 120A	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95403
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$3,445.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,480.25 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,171.25 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|------------------|
| <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 <i>X Carrie Anderson</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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This notice was posted on 11/17/2021  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 12/18/2021

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: *Carrie Anderson*  
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

Doc No.49-11172021-496



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County Clerk, Sonoma County  
2585 Fiscal Drive  
Suite 103F  
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:

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Acquisition of Cougar Landing – Addition to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve  
**Project Title**

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APN 030-030-010

**Project Location – Specific**

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Unincorporated Sonoma County near Santa Rosa

Sonoma County

**Project Location - City**

**Project Location - County**

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project consists of the acquisition of the Cougar Landing property at 7777 Cougar Lane to expand the County's Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. The property consists of approximately 120 acres of largely undeveloped habitat in the Mayacamas Mountains. The existing park and preserve surrounds the property on three sides with more than a mile of shared boundary. The property is adjacent to the Azalea Creek Use Area and is close to several park trails. The Property's rich mixture of oak woodlands, grassland, and coniferous forest would expand resource and watershed protection and provide additional nature-based recreation and education opportunities. Acquiring this property promotes numerous conservation priorities: it has scenic resource and riparian corridor zoning and supports the Blue Ridge to Marin Coast Wildlife Linkage Corridor. The entire parcel is highest priority for Wildlife Habitat and Movement and contains priority conifer forest, hardwood forest, and groundwater recharge areas as designated by the Bay Area Critical Linkages Project and Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. It will also help support additional emergency access to the park. Public access will continue to be from existing developed parking areas off of Pythian and Los Alamos Roads.

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 preserve, and offer a nature-based recreational experience close to population centers. To facilitate conservation and recreation on the property, the County may remove debris, remove or reconstruct existing fences and gates, provide minor fuel management, conduct limited habitat restoration, maintain the existing access, and provide for interim public use to the property.

**Public Agency Approving Project**

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

**Exempt Status**

- Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15269(b)(c)]
- Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [§21080(b)(4)]
- Statutory Exemption §21080.28(a); §15260-15285
- General Rule §15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption
- 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 the acquisition 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**

Digitally signed by Steve Ehret  
Date: 2021.11.16 17:11:02 -08'00'

**Contact Person:**

Steve Ehret, Planning Manager  
Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

**Telephone Number:** (707) 565-2041

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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