



AG + OPEN SPACE
SONOMA COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: AmeriCorps Trail Matching Grant Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in the City of Sebastopol, east of Morris Street, north of Highway 12, and west of the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Portions of APNs 004-011-051, 004-011-043, 004-011-052, and 004-011-080 comprise the property and project location.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes a grant to the City of Sebastopol for development of new segments of the AmeriCorps Trail and acquisition and acceptance of a conservation easement and recreation covenant by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District over 10.8 acres, to ensure that the open space and recreational values of the property are perpetually protected.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District
747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4850

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT: Louisa Morris, Acquisition Specialist, (707) 565-1537

EXEMPT STATUS:

- Ministerial** (Section 15073)
- Declared Emergency** (Section 15071(a))
- Emergency Project** (Section 15071(b) & (c))
- Categorical Exemption** pursuant to Section 15317 (open space contracts or easements); and alternatively is exempt pursuant to 15304 (minor alterations to land); and alternatively is exempt pursuant to Section 15325 (a) (preserving open space and park use) of Title 14, of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15317 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because the purpose of the project is to maintain the open space character of the area through the use of a conservation easement. Alternatively, the project is exempt pursuant to Section 15325 (f) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because the conservation easement restricts the property's use to open space and park use. The recreation covenant is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), because continued recreational use of the trails on the property will not have a significant effect on the environment.

THIS NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT.


Jennifer Kuszmar (May 6, 2022 14:40 PDT)

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