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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: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
 (Address)

Project Title: Acquisition of McCormick Ranch

Project Applicant: Sonoma Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 027-580-015, 027-580-016, 027-580-017, 027-580-018, 027-580-019.

Project Location – City: Unincorporated St. Helena Project Location – County: Napa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project to acquire 654 acres of open space straddling ridge lines between Sonoma and Napa counties for permanent protection of two critical wildlife corridors and salmonid habitat. The acquisition will preserve the open space values of the property and improve recreational connections between two parks for the benefit of the general public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma Land Trust

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: 15313; 15316
 Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation Purposes, and; Transfer of Ownership of Land in order to create parks.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Carolyn Bush

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-902-6363

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: Andrea Scharffer Date: 5/22/2023 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code