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SONOMA COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE: Annual Fee Land Fire Abatement Mowing

PROJECT LOCATION: 4219 Alba Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403; 651 Airport Blvd, Santa Rosa, CA 95403; 200 Scenic Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95407; 5151 Petaluma Hill Rd, Rohnert Park, CA 94928; 3200 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404; 3324 Chanate Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404; 2300 Calistoga Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95402; 4315 Snyder Lane, Santa Rosa CA 95404

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) is conducting springtime fire abatement mowing on the following District-owned properties: Dogbane Preserve, Haroutunian North, Haroutunian South, Oken, Paulin Creek Preserve, Paulin Meadow Parcel J, Young Armos, and Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve. The purpose of this project is to reduce the fire risk of excessive vegetative growth on District-owned properties. The work involves conducting bird-nesting surveys, identifying any sensitive areas to avoid, and mowing and/or weed-whipping limited portions of each property.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4850

PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT: Sheri Emerson, Stewardship Manager, (707) 565-7358

EXEMPT STATUS:

☐ **Ministerial** (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268)
☐ **Declared Emergency** (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ **Emergency Project** (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
☒ **Categorical Exemption** pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities)
☐ **Statutory Exemption**

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The project is exempt pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities, of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because the project consists of maintaining the properties to reduce the risk of fire through mowing vegetation within select portions of each property. The project will not result in an expansion of existing use.

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

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Misti Arias (Jun 1, 2023 14:11 PDT)
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Misti Arias, General Manager, SCAPOSD