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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Filed to:

Office of Planning and Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk of: San Mateo

Project Title:

Native Hedgerow Plantings on Local Farms in San Mateo County

Project Location:

Miramar Farms (420 Purisima Way, Half Moon Bay, CA), Fruition Farms (5540

Cloverdale Road, Pescadero, CA), and the HEAL Project San Mateo County School

Farm (500 Bridgeport Drive, Half Moon Bay, CA)

City and County:

Pescadero and Half Moon Bay, San Mateo County

## Description of Nature and Purpose of Project:

This project aims to plant a total of 1,354 linear feet of native plants at five sites on three farms on the San Mateo County coast. Some input on planting designs and species selection was provided by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. These plant species will attract pollinators and provide shelter and food for wildlife. They will also benefit the land by capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it in the plant's stems and roots as carbon. Linear plantings are common agricultural practices and have been utilized on farms around the world for centuries, to provide habitat for wildlife, decrease the impact of wind on agricultural operations, provide physical and visual barriers, prevent weed seed drift, and prevent dust from impacting crops.

Name of Person, Board, Commission or Department Proposing to Carry Out Project:

San Mateo Resource Conservation District 80 Stone Pine Road, Suite 100

Lead Agency Responsible Agency

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Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Contact Person: Kasey Butler Telephone:

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## **EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption, Class 4 (15304), Class 33 (15333)

Remarks: See next page.

Date of Determination: August 2, 2023

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.

Kasey Butler, Senior Project Manager

The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past, current, or probable future projects because the implementation of the project will follow all best management practices to ensure there are no significant impacts.

(d) Examples of small restoration projects may include, but are not limited to:

(4) projects to restore or enhance habitat that are carried out principally with hand labor and not mechanized equipment.