

Notice of Exemption

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From: Sonoma County Water Agency
404 Aviation Blvd.
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585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
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Project Title: Lake Sonoma Quagga and Zebra Mussel Inspection Project

Project Location - Specific: The Project is located at 3333 Skaggs Springs Road, Geyserville, California (Figure 1).

Project Location – City: Unincorporated

County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Quagga and zebra mussels are invasive mussel species that, if introduced into a waterway, can devastate the natural environment, clog water and flood protection infrastructure, and cost millions of dollars in maintenance. These mussels are transported between waterways by watercraft, primarily recreational boats. The proposed project would provide watercraft inspection services to prevent quagga and zebra mussel infestation into Lake Sonoma. The proposed project would also provide inspection training to help develop year-round inspections.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

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: Section 15309, Inspections
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Proposed project activities are limited to quagga and zebra mussel inspections and inspection training that help to prevent potential for infestation at Lake Sonoma. The proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, have a cumulatively considerable effect, or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly, and would not result in damage to scenic or historical resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Connie Barton

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Signature: 

Title: General Manager

Date: 8/1/2023

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR: _____