



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
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 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
49-11172023-383

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LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/17/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 23-1117-06	

PROJECT TITLE  
ACQUISITION OF WEEKS RANCH NORTH-ADDITION TO HOOD MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-2041
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2300 COUNTY CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 120A	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95403

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)     \$3,839.25     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)     \$2,764.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW     \$1,305.25     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Exempt from fee  
 Notice of Exemption (attach)  
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)     \$850.00     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 County documentary handling fee     \$ \_\_\_\_\_     \$50.00  
 Other     \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: *[Signature]*  
Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy Clerk

This notice was posted on 11/17/2023  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 12/18/2023

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Sonoma County  
2300 County Center Drive, B177  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

From: Sonoma County Regional Parks  
2300 County Center Drive, Suite 120A  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, determines that the following project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act:

Acquisition of Weeks Ranch North– Addition to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve

### Project Title

APNs. 030-050-014, 030-090-004, and 028-170-079

### Project Location – Specific

Unincorporated Sonoma County near Santa Rosa

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### Project Location - City

### Project Location - County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the acquisition of Weeks Ranch North Property (Property) by County of Sonoma with the assistance of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space). The Property is 888 acres of rolling hills located on Los Alamos Road (Assessor's Parcel Nos. 030-050-014, 030-090-004, and 028-170-079) adjoining Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Hood Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve (Preserve). It would be added to the Preserve expanding recreational and wildlife connectivity. In an additional transaction, Parks may acquire another property from the same seller, the 100-Acre Ranch, that would directly connect this acquisition with Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve, further expanding recreation and wildlife connectivity.

As part of the current action, Ag + Open Space's existing Conservation Easement (CE) will be amended to clarify a water easement, allowing transfer of water from the Weeks Ranch North property to the Weeks Ranch South property and the residence at 1700 Los Alamos Road. As a condition of receiving the property, Sonoma County Regional Parks (Parks) would accept the terms of the newly amended conservation easement and a recreation covenant. Parks may provide the seller with an agreement to continue limited use of the property by leaseback to continue grazing, pasture enhancement activity, and access to the rock pits for road maintenance, allowing completion of an existing NRCS invasive weed management cost-share project.

The purpose of the acquisition(s) is to preserve the open space values of the Property and to improve habitat connectivity and recreational connections the benefit of the general public. To facilitate conservation and recreation on the property, the County may replace or reconstruct existing fences and gates, provide minor fuel management and debris removal, conduct limited habitat restoration, maintain the existing access including minor trail/road work, perform maintenance and minor repairs on existing structures to provide public use of the Property.

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### Public Agency Approving Project

### Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

### Exempt Status

- |                                     |                       |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ministerial           | §21080(b)(1); §15268; §15269(b)(c) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Declared Emergency    | §21080(b)(3); §15269(a)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Emergency Project     | §21080(b)(4)                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption   | §21080.28(a); §15260-15285         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | General Rule          | §15081(b)(3): Review for Exemption |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | §15301: Existing Facilities        |

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to, §21080.28(a) the acquisition of this property (or properties) is exempt from CEQA because the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land for park purposes as specified

in subsection (a)(1)(F). Repair and replacement of existing fences and similar property maintenance is exempt per §15301: Existing Facilities.

**Steve Ehret**

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**Contact Person:** Steve Ehret, Planning Manager  
Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

**Telephone Number:** (707) 565-2041

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_