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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: *[Signature]*  
Maria Mendoza, Deputy Clerk



## NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(707) 565-1900

Fax (707) 565-1103

Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

**Project Title:** Use Permit for Sonoma Creek  
Restoration Demonstration  
Project at Morton Warm  
Springs  
File No. UPE22-0048

To: County Clerk- Recorder  
Office  
County of Sonoma  
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and  
Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**Public Agency:** Sonoma County

**Project Applicant:** Richard Dale, Sonoma  
Ecology Center

**Applicant Address:** PO Box 1481, Eldridge, CA  
95431

**Project Location:** 1651 Warm Springs Road,  
Glen Ellen, CA 95442

**Date of Approval:** December 4, 2023

### DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The Project includes restoration of Sonoma Creek and its associated riparian habitat within the 50-foot Riparian Corridor setback, consistent with Section 26-65-030(B) and 26-65-040(Q) of the County of Sonoma Zoning Code. The project includes excavation of a lowered inset floodplain that widens the riparian corridor to create steelhead rearing and refugia habitat across a range of flows. Widening the channel banks of the incised riparian corridor will help stabilize the failing banks to reduce fine sediment input, improving the quality of spawning gravels and food production downstream and promote natural processes that stabilize the channel. The total project area will encompass approximately 2.4 acres. The project is located on APNs 050-220-051 and 055-040-032 at Morton's Warm Springs Resort.

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Categorical Exemption(s). Section 15333(d)(1) Small Habitat Restoration Projects

### REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the CEQA Guidelines pursuant to the Provisions of Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, Section 15333(d)(1) and (d)(4)(Small Habitat Restoration Projects) to revegetate and enhance habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife. No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

### Lead Agency Contact Person:

*Deborah Waller*

Deborah Waller, Senior Environmental Specialist  
Permit and Resource Management Department  
Project Review Division  
(707) 565-1713



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

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
49-12082023-394

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 12/08/2023
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 23-1208-01
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PROJECT TITLE  
USE PERMIT FOR SONOMA CREEK RESTORATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AT MORTON WARM SPRINGS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME RICHARD DALE, SONOMA ECOLOGY CENTER	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-1713
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS PO BOX 1481	CITY ELDRIDGE	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95431
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,839.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,764.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other

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

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Maria Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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