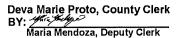
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## **NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION**

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

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

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

## 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

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CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:  Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)  Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment  Exempt from fee  Notice of Exemption (attach)  CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receip	·	\$3,839.25 \$2,764.00 \$1,305.25	\$ \$ \$		
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