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SONOMA COUNTY

## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

*CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT*

**PROJECT TITLE:** Weeks Ranch North fee title acquisition, subject to an amendment to the Conservation Easement, acquisition of a Recreation Covenant, and fee title transfer to Sonoma County Regional Parks

**PROJECT LOCATION:** APNS 028-170-079, 030-050-014, and 030-090-004. The property is located at 2300 Weeks Ranch Road, Santa Rosa in Sonoma County, California. The property is located along the north side of Los Alamos Road west of Hood Mountain Regional Park. The property is in the Fountaingrove District Viticultural Area.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The District proposes to purchase of the 888-acres property in fee and transfer fee title to Sonoma County Regional Parks, conditioned on an amendment to an existing conservation easement, as well as recordation of a recreation covenant ensuring the property is made available for public access once a management plan has been prepared in accordance with CEQA.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District**  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4850

**PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT:** Curtis Kendall (707) 565-7351  
Acquisition Manager


**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Ministerial** (Section 15073)
- Declared Emergency** (Section 15071(a))
- Emergency Project** (Section 15071(b) & (c))
- Categorical Exemption** pursuant to Section(s) 15378 & 15317, title 14, of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- Statutory Exemption** pursuant to Section 21080.28 of the Public Resources Code.

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The provision of funding towards the acquisition of fee title, as well as the District's amendment of the Conservation Easement and acquisition of the Recreation Covenant, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 and following) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.28(a)(1)(A) & (C) and Cal. Code of Regs. Tit. 14, § 15325(a) & (b)), which exempts from CEQA the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of interest in land by a public agency for the preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of acquisition, including plant and animal habitat, even if physical changes to the environment or changes in the use of the land are a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of the interests in

land, or of the granting or acceptance of funding, provided that environmental review otherwise required by the Public Resources Code occurs before any project approval that would authorize physical changes being made to the land. This project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15317 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, because the purpose of the acquisition is to maintain the open space character of the area.

THIS NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT.

  
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# Hood Mt- Salt Creek Addition NOE

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