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SONOMA COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE & No.: Spring Hill Ranch (0053)

PROJECT LOCATION: 3925, 4234, 4235, and 3803 Spring Hill Road, Petaluma CA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is proposing to purchase a conservation easement over the 581.5-acre Spring Hill Ranch property west of Petaluma. The conservation easement will protect the agricultural, natural resource, and scenic values of the property.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District**
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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:

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15317, the District's acceptance of the easement is exempt because it will maintain the open space character of the area, alternatively, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.28, the District's acceptance of the conservation easement is exempt from CEQA because the purpose of the transaction is to preserve the natural condition of the property including plant and animal habitats and for continuing agricultural use of the land.

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


Misti Arias (Jan 9, 2024 14:56 PST)

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