

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
 (Address)

Project Title: Lost Coast Redwood Creek Conservation Easement

Project Applicant: Northcoast Regional Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

Off Briceland Thorn Road; APN/Parcel ID(s) 215-141-004, 215-142-005, 220-061-015 and 220-092-008

Project Location – City: Briceland Project Location – County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The conservation easement will protect an 895-acre working forest with redwood and Douglas Fir. The project area contains nearly all the Redwood Creek headwaters watershed, contains critical habitat for threatened steelhead trout, Coho and Chinook salmon and drains directly into the South Fork Eel River. The conservation easement will protect the habitat in perpetuity, remove subdivision rights, highly restrict development, manage forests for Late Seral Reserve, and manage as a sustainable working forest.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northcoast Regional Land Trust

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15313[a], 15317, 15325 [a]
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is categorically exempt from environ. review because its purpose is to: preserve fish and wildlife habitat (CEQA Guidelines #15313[a]), maintain the open space character of the property (CEQA Guidelines # 15317), and transfers of ownership of interests in land to preserve open space (CEQA Guidelines Section 15325 [a]).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Larelle Burkham-Greydanus Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6362

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Andrea Scharffer Date: 2/14/2024 Title: Deputy Assistant Secretary

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code