



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-04252024-118
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/25/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0425-01	

PROJECT TITLE  
ACQUISITION OF 100-ACRE RANCH – ADDITION TO HOOD MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-2041
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2300 COUNTY CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 120A	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95403

**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)	\$4,051.25	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		
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<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 X [Redacted Signature]	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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This notice was posted on 04/25/2024  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 05/26/2024

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: [Redacted]  
Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** County Clerk, Sonoma County  
2300 County Center Drive, B177  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

**From:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
2300 County Center Drive, Suite 120A  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, determines that the following project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act:

Acquisition of 100-Acre Ranch – Addition to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve

### Project Title

APN 028-170-016

### Project Location – Specific

Unincorporated Sonoma County near Santa Rosa

Sonoma County

### Project Location - City

### Project Location - County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the acquisition of 100-Acre Ranch Property (Property) by County of Sonoma. The Property is approximately 101 acres of rolling hills located on Los Alamos Road (Assessor's Parcel No. 028-170-016), is undeveloped except for roads and trails and fences and includes a substantive east-west stretch of mainstem Van Buren Creek. The Property would be added to Hood Mountain Regional Park & Open Space Preserve and connects more than 8,000 acres of protected and public land including Sugarloaf Ridge State Park and Saddle Mountain Open Space Preserve. It helps support a critical east-west wildlife corridor for Sonoma Valley and the Southern Mayacamas Mountains, and similarly increases potential recreation connections between existing public lands.

The purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the open space values of the Property and to improve habitat connectivity and recreational connections benefitting the general public. To facilitate conservation and recreation on the property, the County may replace or reconstruct existing fences and gates, provide minor fuel management and debris removal, conduct limited habitat restoration, maintain the existing access including minor trail/road work, perform maintenance and minor repairs, and provide public access to the Property.

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### Public Agency Approving Project

### Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

### Exempt Status

- |                                     |                       |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ministerial           | [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15269(b)(c)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Declared Emergency    | [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)]            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Emergency Project     | [§21080(b)(4)]                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Statutory Exemption   | §21080.28(a); §15260-15285           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | General Rule          | §15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorical Exemption | §15301: Existing Facilities          |

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to, §21080.28(a) the acquisition of this property is exempt from CEQA because the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land for park purposes as specified in subsection (a)(1)(F). Repair and replacement of existing infrastructure is exempt per §15301: Existing Facilities.

**Steve Ehret**

Digitally signed by Steve Ehret

Date: 2024.04.24 13:17:39

**Contact Person:**

Steve Ehret, Planning Manager  
Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

**Telephone Number:** (707) 565-2041

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_