

**CEQA # 14084**  
District Project #2024-08



**State of California – The Natural Resources Agency**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Bay Area District  
845 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954

**PROJECT TITLE:** CitySwitch Lease

**LOCATION:** Sonoma Developmental Center      **COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to issue a lease to CitySwitch for use of land at the former Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC). Effective December 31, 2023, DPR acquired the Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC) open space area outside the historic core.

The site is located at 15000 Arnold Drive in Eldridge, California, and was acquired from the California Department of General Services (DGS) through a transfer of jurisdiction (TOJ). Through the TOJ, DPR accepted all existing conditions, contracts, leases, licenses, easements, encumbrances, and claims, including a lease of land with Horizon Tower, LLC. The Horizon lease was bought by CitySwitch. The original lease period is coming to an end, necessitating a new lease be developed by State Parks that reflects State Parks mission and values.

No physical change would result from this lease agreement, as the facilities already exist and are in use.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Bay Area District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Common Sense Exemption      *Section:* 15061(b)(3)

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The lease would not result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on the environment and, therefore, is not considered a "project", subject to CEQA review (Pub. Resources Code, § 21065; 14 I Cal. Code Regs., § 15378). Any future activities contemplated would be subject to environmental review, as required under CEQA, prior to approval to allow for meaningful information for environmental assessment at that time and compliance with any other applicable environmental laws.

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