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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: *Carrie Anderson*
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk



RETURN TO:

City of Petaluma
11 English Street
Petaluma, CA 94953

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Sonoma County Clerk
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Title: Paula Lane Open Space Preserve Grazing Plan

Project Applicant: City of Petaluma, Planning Division, 11 English St. Petaluma, CA 94952

Project Location: 431 Paula Lane, City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, California 94952

Project Description: The Project consists of implementation of the Paula Lane Preserve Grazing Plan, which is intended to increase soil health and carbon sequestration, protect and enhance habitat for special status species, provide fire break for surrounding homes, and comply with the established Paul Lane Conservation Easement. The Grazing Plan prescribes grazing practices designed to improve natural resources and habitat by improving grassland condition and productivity. Pasture grazing practices include periods of active livestock grazing and rest periods (no livestock) to meet long-term management objectives. The Grazing Plan also prescribes the installation of perimeter fencing and areas of interior fencing to preclude grazing from sensitive areas at the existing Paula Lane Open Space Preserve.

EXEMPT STATUS: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Statutory Exemptions

- {Article 18:Section 21080;15260}
- Ministerial {Sec.15268}
- Feasibility/Planning Study {Sec.15262}
- Emergency Project {Sec.15269}
- General Rule {Sec.15061(b)(3)}
- Other: RHNA Housing Share {Sec. 15283}

Categorical Exemptions

- {Article 19:Section 21084;15300}
- Existing Facilities {Sec.15301}
- Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec.15302}
- Small Structures {Sec.15303}
- Minor Alterations to Land {Sec.15304}**
- Actions for Protection of Natural Resources{Sec.15307}**

Reasons why project is exempt: On May 23, 2024, the City of Petaluma executed an agreement with Coastside Concrete and Construction to install wildlife-friendly fencing at the Paula Lane Nature Preserve. Installation of fencing is consistent with the originally approved Project which implements the Paula Lane Preserve Conservation Easement and Agreement between the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District and the City of Petaluma by continuing to employ adaptive management practices through implementation of a Grazing Plan. Periodic grazing by livestock conducted in accordance with the Grazing Plan is an effective nature based method of controlling weeds and invasive species, and promoting germination of native species while protecting sensitive communities and special status species. Proposed physical improvements are limited to perimeter fencing and internal fencing to exclude grazing by livestock from sensitive areas. The Project continues to assure the maintenance, restoration, and enhancement of a natural resource, the Paula Lane Open Space Preserve, by introducing a grazing program designed to encourage native grassland growth and enhance wildlife habitat. There are no exceptions pursuant to 15300.2 that would preclude use of the identified exemptions. Therefore, the Project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15304 Minor Alterations to Land and 15307 Actions for Protection of Natural Resources.

Lead Agency: City of Petaluma, 11 English Street, Petaluma, CA 94952

Department/Contact Person: Krystle Rizzi, Principal Planner **Phone** (707) 778-4470

Krystle Rizzi

Signature: Krystle Rizzi, Principal Planner

May 23, 2024

Date



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:
 49-05232024-151

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY CITY OF PETALUMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/23/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0523-03	

PROJECT TITLE
 PAULA LANE OPEN SPACE PRESERVE GRAZING PLAN

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF PETALUMA, PLANNING DIVISION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707)778-4470
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 11 ENGLISH ST	CITY PETALUMA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 94952

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ \$50.00
- Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash Credit Check Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ _____ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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