

The surrounding land uses include 204.78 and 152.96 acres of wetlands to the immediate south and east respectively, with residential housing within the Napa City Limits approximately 50 feet north of parcel 043-103-007. Parcels 043-103-020, 043-103-021, and 043-103-022 are within the boundaries of the 100-year flood zones, while all four parcels are located outside the tsunami hazard areas. Based on the information contained in Napa County's environmental maps, there are no historic sites within one mile of the project site. The project site is not located on any of the lists of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

CEQA Exemption Criteria and Analysis:

Article 19 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines) establishes a list of classes of projects that are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

CEQA Guideline Section 15316 (Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks) states: "Class 16 consists of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition or contains historical or archaeological resources and either: a) The management plan for the park has not been prepared...."

Additionally, CEQA Guideline Section 15325 (Transfers of Ownership in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources) notes: "Class 25 consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. Examples include but are not limited to ... c) Acquisition, sale, or other transfer to allow restoration of natural conditions, including plant or animal habitats."

Based upon the above analysis there is no reasonable possibility that the project or its cumulative impact would have a significant effect on the environment. The Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District's request for a parcel map exemption for their proposed Napa River Estuary Enhancement and Public Access Acquisition Project application request meets the criteria for eligibility as a Class 16 and Class 25 Categorical Exemption from CEQA.