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NOTICE OF DECISION

Napa River Estuary Enhancement and Public Access Acquisition Project – P24-00037

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION:

The Napa County Planning Division received a request for a Parcel Map Exemption from the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The District is pursuing acquisition, through purchase, of APN 043-103-020 from the Ailene Pritchett 2020 Revocable Trust. A 0.28 acre portion of APN 043-103-020 containing an irrigation well will be retained by the current landowner, reducing the parcel from 8.48 acres in size to approximately 8.2 acres. Additionally, the District is pursuing acquisition, through purchase, of APNs 043-103-007, 043-103-021, and 043-103-022 from the same landowner. The parcels are located east of State Route 29 and south of South Jefferson St, just outside the Napa City limits within an unincorporated area of the County of Napa. The proposed transfer of land is requested as part of the Napa River Estuary Enhancement and Public Access Acquisition Project for future wetland restoration and creation of an open space park on these parcels.

CEQA STATUS:

Consideration and possible adoption of categorical exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Class 16 (Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks) and Class 25 (Transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve natural conditions and historical resources)(CEQA Guidelines §§ 15316 (a), 15325 (c) and (f)) and an exemption under the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, otherwise known as the “Common Sense Exemption” (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)). It has been determined that this type of project does not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA under the aforementioned exemptions pursuant to Napa County’s Local Procedures for Implementing CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. This project is not on any lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

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On Saturday, April 13, 2024, a Notice of Intent was issued for the subject project providing notification of a request for a parcel map exemption as described above. This notice and the final approval letter constitutes the Notice of Decision pursuant to County Code Section 2.88.040 (A)(1) for purposes of filing an appeal. Any appeal to this decision shall be filed in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.88 and Chapter 17.06.

Please utilize the following link to the Department’s website “Current Projects Explorer” to find the final approval letter, and a copy of the Notice of Intent previously sent:
<https://www.countyofnapa.org/2876/Current-Projects-Explorer>

DATED: Saturday, May 4, 2024

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