

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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PROJECT TITLE: Napa River Estuary Enhancement and Public Access Acquisition Project

PERMIT(S): P24-00037

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: APN 043-103-020 The parcel is 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.

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): Napa

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: 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.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Napa

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Jeremy Sarrow, Watershed and Flood Control Resources Specialist

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REPRESENTATIVE: N/A

ADDRESS: N/A

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EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQAG) section number:
Section 15316 Class 16
Section 15325, Class 25 C
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: 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 proposed transfer of approximately 57.8 total acres 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. The project would not result in substantial environmental impacts and there are no other successive projects of the same type or scale planned within the vicinity; no unusual circumstances are anticipated that would cause significant effects to the environment as a result of the project and a management plan for the park has not been prepared.

Based on the proposed project described above and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), staff has determined that the proposed project meets the criteria for eligibility under 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.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Michael Parker, Planning Manager

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IF FILED BY APPLICANT:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____



Title: Planning Manager

Date: 05/04/2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A.