

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

**FROM:** Sonoma County Water Agency  
404 Aviation Blvd.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

**Project Title:** Colgan Creek Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement

**Project Location- Specific:** Boron Avenue downstream to Dutton Meadow, Santa Rosa, CA.

**Project Location – City:** Santa Rosa

**Project Location – County:** Sonoma

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project consists of granting a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement (Project) to allow the City of Santa Rosa (City) to be eligible for the Wildlife Conservation Board grant award to fund the construction of public art and installation of monarch and pollinator habitat for Phase 3 of the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project. The Restoration Project will restore and enhance 1.3-mile stretch of Lower Colgan Creek in southwest Santa Rosa. In addition, the Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement (Agreement) would allow the Wildlife Conservation Board staff access to Phase 3 of the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project through the terms of the Agreement.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified by the City of Santa Rosa (as Lead Agency) for the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan (Master Plan) in March 2007 and updated and adopted by the City Council in August 2013. The Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Plan implements a portion of the Master Plan by providing habitat benefits for wildlife, increase groundwater infiltration and water quality, and decrease flooding along Sonoma Water's flood control channel. The proposed project has been determined to be consistent with the Sonoma County General Plan. Sonoma Water operates and maintains this section of Colgan Creek for flood control purposes. The Project would not adversely impact Sonoma Water's maintenance activities.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Sonoma County Water Agency

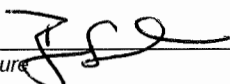
**Exempt Status (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec.21080 (b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: 21080. Division Application to Discretionary Projects; Nonapplication; Negative Declarations; Environmental Impact Report Preparation and Subdivision 21080.28(b)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** CEQA Statute 21080 and 21080.28(b) provides that the specific actions such as physical changes to the environment or changes in the use of the land are a reasonable foreseeable consequence of the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of the interests in land, or granting or acceptance of funding. The granting of a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement would allow the City to preserve and restore the existing natural conditions and for park purposes would provide habitat benefits for wildlife, increase groundwater infiltration and water quality, and decrease flooding along the Sonoma Water's flood control channel. The Project would not have a significant effect on the environment or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Connie Barton

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 707-547-1905

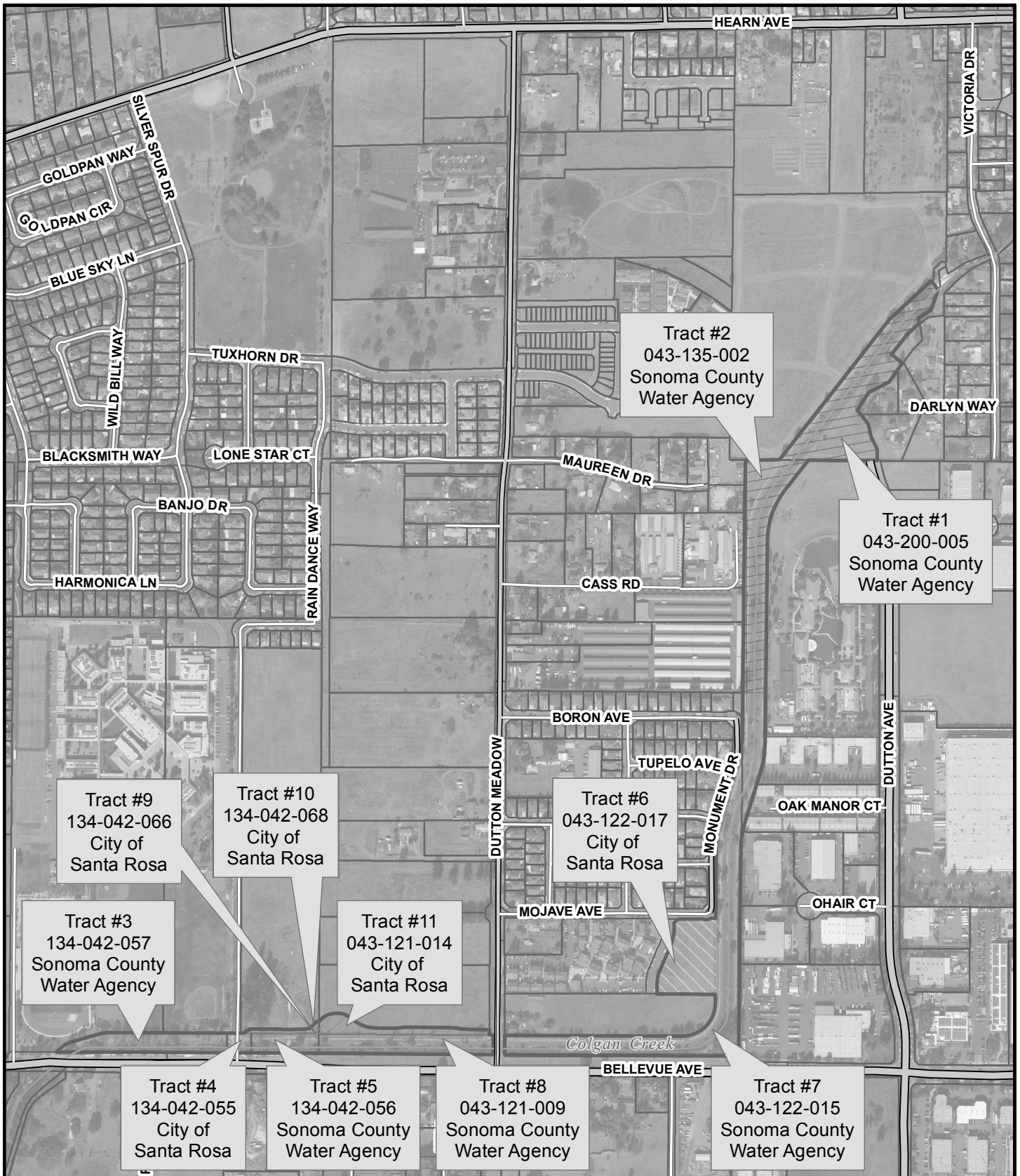
Signature 

General Manager  
Title

6/4/24  
Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant




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**SONOMA COUNTY**  
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION  
AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

## Colgan Creek MGP Project Phases Map

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Feet

-  MGP Phase 3 Restoration
-  MGP Phase 2 Acquisition (acquired)
-  MGP Phase 1 Acquisition (acquired)

 Conservation Easement Area



Map Date: 12/10/2015  
Sources: County GIS (parcels, streams, streets); NASA/UMD/WSI (2013 image)  
This map is for illustrative purposes; it is not a definitive property description.