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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

County Clerk

County of San Mateo

From:

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

5050 El Camino Real Los Altos, CA 94022

Project Title: Ravenswood Open Space Preserve Public Access to Bay Trail via Rutgers Street

Project Location: Terminus of Rutgers Street at Ravenswood Open Space Preserve, East Palo Alto, CA 94303

City: East Palo Alto

County: San Mateo

**Description of Project:** The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) proposes to improve public access to the San Francisco Bay Trail (Bay Trail) and Ravenswood Open Space Preserve (Ravenswood) in East Palo Alto at the end of Rutgers Street, consistent with the East Palo Alto Parks Master Plan. Public access is currently blocked by a chain link fence and vehicle gate. The Project would include replacement of the existing chain link fence with an automated trail gate to allow public access to the Bay Trail and Ravenswood, and installation of signage. The Project does not propose new on- or off-street parking.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Same

**Exempt Status:** In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is categorically exempt under the following sections:

Section 15301 – Existing Facilities: Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 1 (c) includes existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities. The proposed project entails minor alterations that include replacement of an existing chain link fence with a pedestrian gate and installation of signage. The project does not include new parking or trails and would not expand the existing use of Ravenswood Open Space Preserve.

Section 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project includes replacement of an existing chain link fence with a automated pedestrian gate and installation of signage. No trees will be removed as a result of the proposed project.

## **Lead Agency Contact:**

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# Attachments:

- 1. Project Site Map
- 2. East Palo Alto Parks Master Plan Figure 4-7: Important Trail Network Connections

Signature:

Jane Mark, Planning Manager

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- Open gate to SF Bay Trail along **Rutgers Street.**
- Ensure all entrances to the SF Bay Trail are open and have ADA accessibility.
- Improve integration with transit and biking networks to expand access into the SF Bay Trail from surrounding neighborhoods. Coordinate activity with RBD developments.
- Enhance trail security through partnerships, volunteering, regular police patrols, and clean up.



FIGURE 4-7: **IMPORTANT TRAIL NETWORK CONNECTIONS** 

## **LEGEND**

