

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
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PROJECT TITLE: Alba Ranch LLC Track I Replant

PERMIT(S): Agricultural Erosion Control Plan #P24-00121-ECPA

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: An approximately 33.0-acre parcel (APN 022-180-015; 2849 Spring Mountain Road) located approximately 1.2 miles west of the intersection of Spring Mountain Road and Dean York Lane in Napa County, California.

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): St. Helena

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Earthmoving associated with redevelopment and replanting of 12.3 gross acres (10.0 net planted acres) of existing vineyard, trellis and irrigation systems, including removal of some existing benches/terraces and replacement of infrastructure, and the earthmoving activities associated with the installation and maintenance of erosion control measures. The nine (9) vineyard blocks to be replanted were developed prior to the adoption of the Conservation Regulations. The project area is located on moderate to steeply sloping land (slopes ranging 18% to 38%).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Napa County Planning Building & Environmental Services Department

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Alba Ranch LLC c/o Patrick Flynn

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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: *Napa County CEQA Guidelines Class I: Existing Facilities; State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301*
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project is the grading, earthmoving activities, removal of some of the existing benches/terraces and replanting the existing nine vineyard blocks developed prior to the adoption of the Conservation Regulations, and installation and maintenance of erosion and runoff control measures associated, and vineyard infrastructure with the replanting of mild to steeply sloping vineyard, entirely within the existing developed footprint. The area to be disturbed is not situated on a recognized hazardous waste site or in a biologically sensitive area and would not exacerbate any known landslide. This replant of existing vineyard will not adversely affect cultural or scenic resources, or substantially interfere with the movement of wildlife. In addition, it will not contribute to increases in local off-site stream flows or sediment levels, reductions in groundwater recharge, groundwater levels, or available wildlife habitat, or changes in other environmental parameters. Finally, there are no unusual circumstances associated with this replant that would cause it to have a significant effect on the environment (see project file in the office of the Napa County Planning Building & Environmental Services Department for the documentation supporting these conclusions).

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Signature: _____

Title: Planner III

Date: 7/1/2024

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: ____ / ____ / ____.