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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: Conservation Grazing Wildlife-friendly Fencing and Corral Replacement Project

Project Location: The project is located in various grazing units within Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) open space preserves, which include Tunitas Creek and Gordon Ridge Grazing Units (Tunitas Creek Open Space Preserve), Butano Farms Grazing Unit (Cloverdale Ranch Open Space Preserve), Bluebrush Canyon Grazing Unit (Pursima Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve), and Big Dipper Grazing Unit (Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve).

County: San Mateo

Description of Project:

The Conservation Grazing Wildlife-friendly Fencing and Corral Replacement Project (Project) will improve general ranch management and grazing distribution on five grazing units within Midpen open space preserves. Proposed fencing improvements will support Midpen’s natural resource goals and objectives by allowing grazing tenants the ability to more precisely manage the timing, duration, and intensity of grazing. All new perimeter and cross fencing will allow for safe passage for wildlife with the use of a smooth bottom wire and wire spacing to allow wildlife passage. Proposed improvements to three corrals will facilitate shipping, receiving, and processing of livestock.

The Project is being executed on five grazing units. Due to the proximity of the Project sites to each other and similar nature of construction activities, a single Project was developed for efficiency and cost savings. The proposed improvements are detailed below in Table 1.

Table 1 – Location and Work Descriptions

Location (Grazing Unit)	Proposed Improvements
Tunitas Creek	~1,100 feet of 5-wire of new cross fence
Butano Farms	~360 feet of 5-wire of new cross fence and replacement of one (1) corral
Gordon Ridge	~5,533 feet of 5-wire of new cross fence and replacement of (1) corral
Bluebrush Canyon	~2,080 feet of 5-wire of new cross fence
Big Dipper	~7,560 feet of 5-wire of new perimeter fence and replacement of one (1) corral



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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Same

Exempt Status: The District has determined that the proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article 19, Sections 15302, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines as outlined below:

Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction: Class 2 exempts the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The Project includes the replacement of several existing corrals in the Big Dipper, Gordon Ridge, and Butano Farms Grazing Units within the same footprint with negligible expansion in capacity. All of the fencing at Butano Farms and a portion of the fencing at Gordon Ridge installed as part of this project will replace existing fencing like for like.

Section 15303- New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Project includes limited installation of new conservation grazing wildlife-friendly fencing with limited footprint.

Section 15304- Minor Alterations to Land: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The Project will include minor alterations to land in order to install new fencing including the installation of fenceposts. No trees are proposed for removal.

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