

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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PROJECT TITLE: La Perla Ranch Landslide Remediation Grading Permit

PERMIT(S): Grading Permit #ENG24-00039

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: The project is located within the York Creek Drainage on an approximately 153.4-acre parcel (APN 022-180-017; no situs address) located off of a private access road at 2820 Spring Mountain Road, approximately 0.1 mile southeast of its intersection with Rockland Road in the Spring Mountain area of Napa County, California. (Zoning: Agricultural Watershed).

Project Location – City (nearest): City of St. Helena

Project Location - County: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Grading and earthmoving activities associated with remediation of an existing active landslide within existing vineyard and to stabilize a larger area of slope instability that encompasses vineyard in order to minimize the potential of landslide cascade effect that could potentially impact the existing upslope reservoir resulting in a breach and/or a larger landslide that could result in a large amount of sedimentation entering into sensitive drainage courses downslope. Project area is approx. 11.5 acres on moderately to steeply sloping land (slopes ranging from 15% to 30%).

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Napa County Department of Planning, Building & Environmental Services


NAME OF PERSON(S) OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Richard Paxton (RPE #84634), Bartelt Engineering
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EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE): (Also, see Appendix B of the *Napa Co Local Procedures for Implementing the CEQA*)

- 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 section number: **Class (Types):** **Sections #:**
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269 (Emergency Projects)
 General Rule: [Sec.15061(b)(3)]

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project is the grading, earthmoving activities associated with the repair of a landslide including remediation of slope instability, including temporary spoils stockpiles, soils compaction, construction of cross-slope diversions, storm drains, T-spreader outlets and rock-protection outfalls. The project area is located on lands that have previously been disturbed by vineyard farming and operations, and with a reservoir located upslope from the landslide area. Remediation would protect a sensitive drainage located downslope from the project area. Existing improvements in the project area consist of agricultural accessory roads and residential access roads. The project area is not situated on a recognized hazardous waste site. This project will not adversely affect cultural or scenic resources, and the project is conditioned to require protections for such resources if any are discovered. This project will not adversely affect biological resources, and the project is conditioned to require other state and federal permits which include protections for such resources. The proposed project would not substantially interfere with the movement of wildlife, and 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. There are no unusual circumstances associated with this project that would cause it to have a significant effect on the environment: see project file at the Napa County Department of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services for documentation supporting these conclusions.

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