



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 49-06032025-223  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 06/03/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0603-07	

PROJECT TITLE  
 ACQUISITION OF MONTE RIO REDWOODS REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVE EXPANSION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-2041
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 400 AVIATION BLVD. SUITE 100	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95403

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- |   |            |          |
|---|------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,123.50 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,968.75 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,401.75 | \$ _____ |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ _____ \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ _____         |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash    
  Credit    
  Check    
  Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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# Notice of Exemption

**To:** County Clerk, Sonoma County  
2300 County Center Drive, B177  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

**From:** Sonoma County Regional Parks  
400 Aviation Blvd. Suite 100  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, determines that the following project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act:

Acquisition of Monte Rio Redwoods Regional Park and Open Space Preserve Expansion

**Project Title**

APNs 097-290-001, 097-290-002, 097-290-003, 097-290-004, 097-290-005, 097-290-006, 097-290-007

**Project Location – Specific**

Unincorporated Sonoma County near Monte Rio

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**Project Location - City**

**Project Location - County**

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the acquisition of an undeveloped 1,517-acre property located south of the community of Monte Rio and northwest of the community of Occidental being further described as APNs 097-290-001, -002, -003, -004, -005, -006, and -007. The property would be acquired from Save the Redwoods League. The County would grant a conservation easement to the Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District protecting the habitat and recreation values of the property.

The property would be incorporated into Monte Rio Redwoods Regional Park and Open Space Preserve connecting more than 10,000 acres of protected and public land including Sonoma Coast State Park and the Bohemia Preserve. It helps protect an irreplaceable north-south wildlife corridor between Mendocino and Marin Counties and creates potential east-west recreation connections from the Lower Russian River Area to the coast on existing public lands.

The purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the open space values of the Property and to improve habitat connectivity and recreational connections benefitting the general public. To facilitate conservation and recreation on the property, the County may replace or reconstruct existing fences and gates, provide minor fuel management and debris removal, conduct limited habitat restoration, maintain the existing access including minor trail/road work, perform maintenance and minor repairs, and provide public access to the Property.

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**Public Agency Approving Project**

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project**

**Exempt Status**

- Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15269(b)(c)]
- Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [§21080(b)(4)]
- Statutory Exemption §21080.28(a); §15260-15285
- General Rule §15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption
- Categorical Exemption §15301: Existing Facilities

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Pursuant to, §21080.28(a) the acquisition of this property is exempt from CEQA because the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land for park purposes as specified in subsection (a)(1)(F). Repair and replacement of existing infrastructure is exempt per §15301: Existing Facilities.

This notice was posted on 06/03/2025  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 07/04/2025

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk  
BY: *Christina Prado-Mendoza*  
Christina Prado-Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

**Doc No.49-06032025-223**

*Bert Whitaker*

**Contact Person:** Bert Whitaker, Director  
Sonoma County Regional Parks Department

**Telephone Number:** (707) 565-2041

**Date:** 06/03/2025