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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Sacred Groves Kneeland Cemetery

Lead Agency: County of Humboldt

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Project Location: Unincorporated Area (*City*) Humboldt County (*County*)

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

A Conditional Use Permit for a green burial cemetery. Burials of human remains are proposed to occur in single plots and family groves at a maximum density of 120 graves per acre. Graves will be dug by hand to minimize impacts on plants and soil. Bodies and biodegradable burial materials will be buried in the root zone at a minimum depth of 18 inches. The site is currently managed for hay production, grazing and forest health and will continue with cemetery operations. Ceremonial tree plantings will be watered for one year with water from a rainwater catchment tank. The project will result in conversion of some hay field to oak savannah. Entrance to the property will be improved and a short driveway, parking area, and a non-residential ceremonial structure will be constructed. Visitation to the cemetery will be limited by a locked gate.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would result in a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated for the following:

Biological Resources: Prior to conducting project activities the applicant will be required to develop and record a development agreement that will exclude a seasonal wetland (ephemeral channel) from project activities.

Cultural Resources: Prior to conducting project activities the applicant will be required to develop and record a development agreement that will exclude a cultural resource from project activities.

Tribal Cultural Resources: Prior to conducting project activities the applicant will be required to develop and record a development agreement that will exclude a cultural resource from project activities.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

none at this time

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

In addition to Humboldt County, several other agencies will serve as Responsible and Trustee Agencies, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15381 and 15386. These agencies may include, but are not limited to, the following:

-California Department of Fish and Wildlife

-North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board