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SONOMA COUNTY

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

***CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT***

**PROJECT TITLE:** Graton Town Square Community Spaces Matching Grant Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 9155 Graton Road, Graton, California 95444

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Contribution towards the improvement and the reimbursement of the acquisition of a .59 acre property by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District ("District"), with the fee interest acquired by the Graton Community Services District, subject to a Conservation Easement and a Recreation Conservation Covenant with associated Irrevocable Offer of Dedication to be held by the District, to preserve the urban open space, scenic, and recreational and educational values of the property.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT**: **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District**
747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4850

**PUBLIC AGENCY CONTACT:** Olivia Fiori, Acquisition Specialist (707) 565-7349

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ **Ministerial** (Section 15073)
- ☐ **Declared Emergency** (Section 15071(a)
- ☐ **Emergency Project** (Section 15071(b) & (c))
- ☐ **Categorical Exemption** pursuant to Sections 15303, 15304, 15316, 15317 and 15325, title 14, of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- ☒ **Statutory Exemption** pursuant to Section 21080.28(a)(1)(F) of the Public Resources Code

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The Project, consisting of the provision of funding by the District towards property improvements and the acquisition of fee title by Graton Community Services District, as well as the District's acquisition of a Conservation Easement and Recreation Conservation Covenant, is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 and following) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.28(a)(1)(F), which exempts from CEQA the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of interest in land by a public agency for the preservation of land for park purposes. The Project is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15316, 15317 and 15325 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, because the purpose of the acquisition is to provide for a park and to maintain the open space character of the area. The Project is also exempt from the requirements of the CEQA pursuant to Sections 15303 and 15304 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, because development of the park is limited to minor alterations to land and small structures.

THIS NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT.

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Misti C. Arias, General Manager Ag + Open Space

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