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LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/08/2025
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PROJECT TITLE  
TRAIL CONNECTION TO SUGARLOAF RIDGE STATE PARK

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

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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)

- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash     Credit     Check     Other
- TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00**

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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This notice was posted on 10/08/2025  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 11/08/2025

**Doc No.49-10082025-397**

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: *Carrie Anderson*  
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

From:

Sonoma County Regional Parks  
Lead Agency/Project Applicant  
400 Aviation Blvd., Suite 100  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-2041

To:

Clerk-Recorder,  
Sonoma County  
585 Fiscal Dr., Room 103  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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:

**Project Title:** Trail Connection to Sugarloaf Ridge State Park

**Project Location:**

Address: 3000 Los Alamos Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

APN(s): 030-050-01, 030-050-016

Cross streets: Los Alamos Road

Latitude/Longitude: 38.4892559 N, 122.5717216 W

County: Sonoma

City: Santa Rosa

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department proposes the construction of a minor new recreational facility: a 400-linear-foot multi-use trail. This trail will be 3-feet wide with a native earth surface and will connect the existing Los Alamos parking lot at Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve (Hood) to the existing Salt Creek trail, providing an improved, safe, and designated link to the Sugarloaf Ridge State Park (Sugarloaf) trail system. The facility is designed for non-motorized, multi-use recreation, including pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian use.

**Construction Methodology and Impact Minimization:**

- The trail has been situated to avoid impacts to the existing wetlands and riparian corridor on site.
- The construction will be limited to the use of hand tools by volunteers, minimizing ground disturbance. To prevent erosion, the trail will be built as a full bench cut, on contour, out sloped, and designed with rolling grades.
- No grading, tree removal, or mechanized equipment will be required. Standard BMPs will be employed to prevent construction run-off.
- The work will be scheduled to avoid the sensitive bird nesting season. An on the ground biological resources study reports no sensitive species found or expected in the project area.

The project constitutes a public enhancement connecting the substantive trail systems at Hood and Sugarloaf and protects natural resources by directing visitors to designated, properly constructed trails.

**Public Agency Approving Project:**  
Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Sonoma County Regional Parks

**Exempt Status: (Please selection one or more)**

- Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15266(b)(c)]
- Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [§21080(b)(4)]
- Statutory Exemption
- General Rule [§15061(b)(3)]
- Categorical Exemption [§15303 -  
Minor New Facilities]

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

This project qualifies for a Class 3 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15303 - Minor New Facilities), specifically subsection (d): "Construction and location of limited numbers of new... foot trails, equestrian trails, and bicycle trails..." as a small, non-motorized trail that will not require substantive grading or the removal of any mature trees.

**Date:** 10/7/2025

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

*Karen Davis-Brown*

Name: Karen DavisBrown

Title: Senior Planner

Sonoma County Regional Parks

(707) 565-2041

# NOE Squirrel Connector Trail

Final Audit Report

2025-10-07

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