AG + OPEN SPACE
SONOMA COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE & No.: Revocable Grazing License for Haroutunian South

PROJECT LOCATION: 200 Scenic Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA, 95407

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space) issuing a license to graze the Ag + Open Space-owned Haroutunian South property. For several years, the property has been seasonally grazed with cattle for the benefit and enhancement of the existing wetland and upland habitats, and the sensitive species that occur in these areas. The terms of the license ensure that there will be no expansion of use nor intensity of use of the property for the duration of the license.

PROJECT APPLICANT: **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District**
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PROJECT APPLICANT CONTACT: Sheri Emerson 707-565-7358
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EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☑ **Categorical Exemption** Tit. 14, § 15301 - Existing Facilities
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption**
- ☐ **Ministerial**
- ☐ **Declared Emergency**
- ☐ **Emergency Project**

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines provides a categorical exemption for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. This revocable grazing license for Haroutunian South is exempt from CEQA since it is a continuation of an existing use that benefits the conservation values of the property. Further, the terms of the license ensure that there will be no expansion of use nor intensity of use of the property for the duration of the proposed license.

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

Misti Arias, General Manager
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