

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	From: Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Conservation Board P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
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State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted by State Clearinghouse) 2026010166

Project Title: Mark West Creek and Wetland Restoration Project

Project Location: City: Santa Rosa; County: Sonoma; APNs: 079-090-016, 079-090-015, 079-090-014, 028-060-058, 028-060-062, 028-060-063, 028-060-063, 028-070-036, 028-060-067, 028-060-066, 079-090-008, 028-060-047, 028-060-056

CEQA Region: N. CA

Project Description:

The project would implement restoration in the Mark West Creek Regional Park and Open Space Preserve to enhance stream flow and bolster high quality salmonid habitat by removing trees and shrubs for use as in-stream large woody debris, arresting channel incision to create in-stream salmonid habitat and attenuate peak flows, installing beaver dam analog structures to restore incised channels into wet meadow swales and increase groundwater infiltration, notching or removing relic concrete dams to allow salmonid access to an additional 4 miles of upstream habitat, and implementing stream flow monitoring to evaluate effectiveness. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2025160.

This is to advise that the Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the above-described project on 2/26/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

Lead Agency Responsible Agency

Exempt Status: (Check One)

Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
 Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
 Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
 Categorical Exemption, State Section Number and type:
 Statutory Exemptions, State Code Number and type: Public Resources Code Section 21080.56

Reasons why project is exempt:

Sonoma County Regional Parks, as lead agency, determined that the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP), Public Resources Code section 21080.56, as a project that meets all of the following conditions: (1) the Project is exclusively to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend; or is exclusively to restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; (2) the Project may have public benefits incidental to the Project's fundamental purpose; (3) the Project will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery; and includes procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and (4) Project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes (by this notice) No

Signature: *John Walsh* for Rebecca Fris **Title:** Deputy Executive Director **Date:** 3/2/2026

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