This notice was posted on 01/16/2026
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 02/16/2026
Doc No.PST-202600013

City of Santa Rosa

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Sonoma County Clerk

Project Title: Kelly Farm Mitigation Bank Project

Lead Agency: City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works Department
69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Contact: Andy Wilt, Associate Civil Engineer
Tel: (707) 543-3878; Email: awilt@srcity.org

Review Period: January 16 to February 16, 2026

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Rosa has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City's Kelly Farm Mitigation Bank Project.

Project Description and Location

The City of Santa Rosa, serving as the Bank Sponsor and Land Manager, proposes to establish a single-client mitigation bank to mitigate impacts from in-house projects. Credit types include California tiger salamander (CTS) upland habitat, CTS breeding habitat, re-established vernal pool habitat, rehabilitated vernal pool habitat, and enhanced vernal pool habitat. The proposed Kelly Farm Mitigation Bank is currently being reviewed and requires approval by the Interagency Review Team, comprised of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Region IX of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). A conservation easement would be placed over parcel 060-020-001 and held by a third-party Easement Holder.

The Project site is in Sonoma County along the south side of Occidental Road between Hepworth Road and a vineyard. The site includes approximately 100 acres within the greater Kelly Farm property that is owned and operated by the City of Santa Rosa for recycled water irrigation and leased to local farmers for hay production. The proposed mitigation bank is a 99-acre parcel (APN 060-020-001) within the 100-acre Project site. The Project site is **not** listed on the Cortese List.

Providing Comments

The IS/MND will circulate for public review from January 16 to February 16, 2026. The IS/MND will be available for public review online at http://cippublic.srcity.org/ProjPages/2046.html and at the following location:

- City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works Department, 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa

Agencies and interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/MND for the Project during the review period. Comments may be directed to the attention of Andy Wilt at 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or awilt@srcity.org.

After the review period closes, the Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities (BPU) will consider a recommendation to adopt the IS/MND for the Project during a regularly scheduled public meeting. At this time the recommendation to adopt has not been scheduled but is anticipated to occur in March 2026. We encourage you to check the BPU webpage to confirm the date and time of the BPU meeting at the following website address: https://www.srcity.org/686/Board-of-Public-Utilities

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: MD Damon
Mary Damon, Deputy Clerk