

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Wise Montagna Agricultural Driveway Grading Permit

PERMIT(S): Grading Permit #ENG24-00053

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: The project is located within the Lake Hennessy and Vinehill Creek Drainages on an approximately 87.14 acre parcel holding ((APN 030-220-046 & 030-220-048) (secondary parcel at 135 Long Ranch Road), 40.03 and 47.11, respectively)) located south of Sage Canyon Road on a private road, Long Ranch Road, located approximately 4,000 feet west of its intersection with Chiles Pope Valley Road, in the Long Ranch Road Area of Napa County, California. (Zoning: Agricultural Watershed).

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): ST. HELENA

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: NAPA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Grading and earthmoving activities associated with the construction of an agricultural road on slopes greater than 5% (typically 0% to 35%) within a ± 0.75 acre area of existing vineyard avenues and adjacent chaparral and foothill pine woodland.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Napa County Planning Building & Environmental Services Department

NAME OF PERSON(S) OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Michael Muelrath, Applied Civil Engineering

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EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE): (Also, see Appendix B of the *Napa Co Local Procedures for Implementing the CEQA*)

☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];

☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];

☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c)];

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Class (Type): 4**

Section #: 15304

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

☐ General Rule: [Sec.15061(b)(3)]

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project is the grading, earthmoving activities associated with the construction of an agricultural driveway on shallow to steep slopes (slopes ranging typically from 0-35%) located within an area of approximately of 0.75 acres within an existing vineyard avenues and adjacent chaparral and foothill pine woodland. A geotechnical report was prepared for the project and all of the storm water conveyance facilities were designed to meet to 100 year storm event. The project area is located on lands that have previously been disturbed by vineyard avenues, with removal of approximately 0.50 acres of chaparral and foothill pine woodland. Pursuant to State Section number 15304, the project is construction of a new agricultural driveway. The project area is not situated on a recognized hazardous waste site or would not exacerbate any known landslide. This project will not adversely affect cultural or scenic resources, and the project is conditioned to require protections for such resources if any are discovered. This project will not adversely affect cultural, biological, or scenic resources, and the project is conditioned to require environmental commitments. The proposed project would not substantially interfere with the movement of wildlife. There are no unusual circumstances associated with this project that would cause it to have a significant effect on the environment: see project file at the Napa County Department of Planning, Building, and Environmental Services for documentation supporting these conclusions.

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Signature: _____

NAME

Date: 1/27/26

Title: Planner III

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: ____ / ____ / ____.