

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency
715 P Street, 20th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Black Dog Woodlands

Project Applicant: Northcoast Regional Land Trust

Project Location - Specific:

APNs 314-131-050, 314-131-051, 314-131-065, 314-131-088, 314-131-089, 314-131-091, 314-131-092, and 314-131-093

Project Location – City: Kneeland Project Location – County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will acquire a conservation easement on 554 acres of land located in the Mad River Watershed in Kneeland, Humboldt County. The project will prevent subdivision and restrict future development, ensuring the long-term conservation of oak woodlands, grasslands, Douglas fir forest, and riparian habitat.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Natural Resources Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northcoast Regional Land Trust

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 17, Sec. 15317
- Statutory Exemptions. State Code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project involves the acquisition and acceptance of a conservation easement to protect land in order to maintain the open space and rural character of the community. The project is exempt based on Section 15317 for the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of the area.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ron Benny Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916 902-6359

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 No

Signature: Bryan Cash Date: 2/12/2026 Title: Administration and Finance
Assistant Secretary for

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code