

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: Sonoma

From: (Public Agency): _____
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
2776 Sullivan Road, Sebastopol CA 95472

(Address)

Project Title: LandSmart Grazing Program, Phase IV

Project Applicant: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

Monte Rio, California 094-100-046, 094-110-003, 094-110-002, 095-170-020, 095-160-007, 096-060-009,
096-060-008, 096-060-007, 094-110-002, 095-170-003, 095-170-001

Project Location - City: Monte Rio

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to support the utilization of targeted livestock grazing to reduce fuel load and make communities safer in the face of wildfires on public lands and the private lands adjacent to public lands.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District

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: 15304: Minor Alteration to Land (i)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is funded through a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to increase wildfire resilience in coastal watersheds. The project being implemented involved minor alteration to vegetation and land that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and/or scenic trees.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: William Hart

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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: William J Hart Date: 26 March 2026 Title: Project Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____