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Project Information

Project Title: Howell Mountain Cemetery - Use Permit, Application for a Use Permit Exception to Conservation Regulations, and an Exception Request to the Napa County Roads and Streets Standards

County Permit(s): P20-00030, P25-00293

State Clearinghouse Number: (New SCH Number)

Project Location: 1225 Howell Mountain Road, Angwin, CA 94508

Project APN: 018-120-043 and 018-120-027 & 018-120-044 (SFAP)

Project Location - County: Napa

Project Location - Nearest City: Angwin

Project Description:

The project proposes to develop the Howell Mountain Cemetery, a green burial cemetery (referred to in this document as the proposed project). Green burial, or natural burial, is a way of caring for the dead with minimal impacts that aids in the conservation of natural resources. Green burial necessitates the use of non-toxic and biodegradable materials. The cemetery would be managed as a conservation site. As an open space property, the cemetery would have lower plot densities than a traditional cemetery, limitations on visible markers (i.e., only natural markers made from small native rocks would be used), and burial vaults and embalming would be prohibited. Access trails within the interment areas would be open for hiking use by the public. An Exception to the Napa County Conservation Regulations and to the Napa County Roads & Streets Standards are requested as part of the project scope. The exceptions will allow for minor grading on slopes over 30% so that the proposed trails and access to the interment areas may be established, as the trails and access are not feasible through other alternatives, and to forego the left turn lane installation, which would prevent the removal of existing native trees and excessive grading on rocky steep slopes, while remaining consistent with the existing operation and character of Howell Mountain Road or in the vicinity of the project site, respectively.

Potential Impacts and Proposed Mitigation:

Mitigation measures are proposed for, Biological Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources. See BIO-1, BIO-2, BIO-3, BIO-4, BIO-5, and TCR-1 in the IS/MND.

Areas of controversy:

Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California raised concerns with the protection of tribal cultural resources and requested Mitigation Measure TCR-1 be incorporated into the project.

Responsible or trustee agencies for the project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) (R) (#2)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) (T) (Region #3 Bay Delta, Fairfield)
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) (T) (District 4)
- Department of Water Resources (T)
- Native American Heritage Commission (T)
- Caltrans District 4 (T)