



## **Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal**

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### **Lead Agency**

Napa County (Planning, Building and Environmental Services)

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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

### **Project Location**

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

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

Project Location - County: Napa

Project Location - Nearest City/Community: Angwin

Project Location – Cross Streets: Ink Grade Road and Howell Mountain Road

Coordinates: Latitude 38°36'17.044"N / Longitude 122°26'45.097"W

Section-Township-Range-Base: Section 29, Township 09 North, Range 05 West, Mt. Diablo Principal Meridian

Total Acres: 109.3

Located within two (2) miles: Waterways – Moore Creek, Conn Creek, and Burton Creek; Schools – Howell Mountain Elementary and Pope Valley Elementary; Airports – Angwin Parret Field Airport

Land Use: Residential land uses

Zoning: Agricultural Watershed (AW)

General Plan: Agricultural, Watershed and Open Space (AWOS)

## **Document Type**

CEQA: Mitigated Negative Declaration

## **Local Action Type**

- Use Permit
- Other – Use Permit for an Exception to the Conservation Regulation
- Other – An Exception to the Napa County Roads and Streets Standards

## **Development Type**

- Commercial (0.69 acres)

## **Project Issues Discussed in Document**

- Aesthetic
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Effects
- Drainage/Absorption
- Energy
- Flood Plain/Flooding
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Growth inducement
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mandatory Findings of Significance
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Schools/Universities
- Septic System
- Solid Waste
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Vegetation
- Wetland/Riparian
- Wildfire

## **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.

## **Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

- 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)

## **Local Public Review Period**

Starting Date: May 14, 2026

Ending Date: June 15, 2026

## **Signature**

Signature:



Signed by Lead Agency contact: Enrique Torres, Planner II

Date: May 13, 2026