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SONOMA COUNTY

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

PROJECT TITLE & No.: Diamond W Ranch (0595)

PROJECT LOCATION: 9420 Valley Ford Rd. Petaluma, CA 94952

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District is proposing to acquire a conservation easement and agricultural conservation covenant over the nearly 850-acre Diamond W Ranch in the Two Rock Valley. The conservation easement and agricultural conservation covenant will protect the agricultural, natural resource, and scenic values of the property and require ongoing agricultural use.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA 95401-4850

PROJECT APPLICANT CONTACT: Steph Tavares 707-565-7362

Sr. Acquisition Specialist

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EXEMPT STATUS: Sr. Acquisition Specialist

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Categorical Exemption

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Statutory Exemption

Public Resources Code section 21080.28

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Declared Emergency

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Emergency Project

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15317, the District's acceptance of the conservation easement and agricultural conservation covenant is exempt because it will maintain the open space character of the area, alternatively, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.28, the District's acceptance of the conservation easement and agricultural conservation covenant are exempt from CEQA because the purpose of the transaction is to preserve the natural condition of the property including plant and animal habitats and for continuing agricultural use of the land.

THIS NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT.

Misti Arias, General Manager
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