
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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Project Title: Native Plantings and Soil Health Practices on San Mateo County Farms and Vineyards

Project Locations: The Mushroom Farm (6150 Cabrillo Hwy, Pescadero, 94060), Neely Wine (575 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, 94028) and Thomas Fogarty Winery (19501 Skyline Blvd, Woodside, 94062).

Description of the Nature and Purpose of Project:

This project will enhance wildlife habitat on privately owned farmland through the planting of native plants on .43 acres on the San Mateo County coast. These plantings will consist of native species that will attract pollinators and provide shelter and food for wildlife. This project will require broadcast seeding or hand-digging holes for plants, installing irrigation, and laying down mulch, and will be implemented by the landowners with support from the San Mateo Resource Conservation District. This project also implements the standard soil health practices of cover cropping, compost application, mulching, and hedgerow plantings on two vineyard properties, totaling 25 acres.

Exempt Status:

Class 33 – Small Habitat Restoration Projects (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15333)

This project meets the criteria for Class 33 exemptions: the native planting project area does not exceed 5 acres in size, will have no significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat, use only hand labor and no mechanized equipment, and neither uses nor disturbs any hazardous materials.

Class 4- Minor Alterations to Land (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15333). Cover cropping, compost application, and mulch application will cause *de minimis* alterations of topographical features, will improve soil health with no significant physical changes to the environment, and will not damage scenic or historic resources. The practices will not create significant environmental or cumulative impacts, because they are environmentally beneficial practices and will take place on land already in agricultural production.

Date of Determination: 8/14/26

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.

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