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Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of San Mateo

From: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
5050 El Camino Real
Los Altos, CA 94022

Project Title: Chestnut Trail On-leash Dog Access

Project Location: Long Ridge Open Space Preserve (APN No. 804-10-280)

City: unincorporated **County:** San Mateo County

Description of Project: The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) is proposing to update the Use and Management Plan for Long Ridge Open Space Preserve (Preserve) to allow dogs on-leash on a 0.2-mile segment of the Chestnut Trail between Castanea Ridge Road and Portola Heights Road. Allowing dogs on-leash on this segment would improve access for adjacent residents living on Castanea Ridge Road to safely walk their dogs to connecting areas of the Preserve that currently allow dogs on-leash. Residents living on Castanea Ridge Road currently need to walk along Highway 35, which has no pedestrian infrastructure, to access the areas of the Preserve that allow dogs on-leash. No alterations to the land are proposed, the project is limited to the use designation change and updates to existing trail signage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Same

Exempt Status: In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the proposed project is categorically exempt under the following sections:

> **Section 15301 – Existing Facilities:** Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project would involve negligible expansion of on-leash dog access in Long Ridge Open Space Preserve. Specifically, dogs on-leash would be allowed on a 0.2-mile segment of existing trail to improve safety and allow residents living adjacent to the Preserve to walk their dogs to areas of the Preserve that currently allow dogs on-leash.
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> Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions identified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project.

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Attachment: Location Map

Signature: _____ Date: 10/1/2026
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