



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk, Sonoma County
585 Fiscal Dr., Room 103
Santa Rosa, California 95403

From: Sonoma County Regional Parks
2300 County Center Drive, Suite 120A
Santa Rosa, California 95403

The Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, determines that the following project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act:

HOOD MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK – Powerline Easement to PG&E

Project Title

Hood Mountain Regional Park 051-190-010

Project Location - Specific APN

Santa Rosa Sonoma

Project Location - City Project Location - County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sonoma County Regional Parks will grant a non-exclusive easement to PG & E for the purpose of replacing the overhead powerlines burned in the 2020 Glass Fire with underground lines to restore service to 8050 Pythian Road. The easement will be a 10-foot-wide path along the original power line alignment. The granting of the easement and installation of underground power lines will not interfere with current or future park facilities. Granting the easement is an administrative step necessary to the installation of the power lines, and has no other purpose, Sonoma County Regional Parks considers the undergrounding of the power lines on the existing alignment as the whole of the project to be assessed under CEQA.

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Public Agency Approving Project

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status

- Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); §15268; §15266(b)(c)]
- Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)]
- Emergency Project §21080(b)(4)
- Statutory Exemption §15260-15285
- General Rule §15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption
- Categorical Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15302(d) of Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations (conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities underground) because the new power lines will be located on the same site as the original overhead lines being replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

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