



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: May 14, 2024

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
Authorizing Consolidation By The California Coastal Commission Of A Coastal Permit For A  
Public Access Plan To Establish A Trail Network To Allow For Public Access At The 547-acre  
Estero Ranch Site; located at 2000 Estero Lane, Bodega Bay; APN 100-160-002.**

**Whereas**, in November of 2023, The Wildlands Conservancy submitted an application to the County of Sonoma for a Coastal Permit with Hearing for a Public Access Plan to establish a trail network to allow for public access at the 547-acre Estero Ranch site, located at 2000 Estero Lane, Bodega Bay; APN 100-160-002.

**Whereas**, the project would result in land access to various points of interest, including the beach at the mouth of the Estero Americano, would be facilitated through a network of hiking trails. These trails would follow both pre-existing ranch roads and newly established overland mowed routes, all of which have been carefully designed to ensure the preservation and persistence of the sensitive resources found within the Preserve.

**Whereas**, the Coastal Act allows for a consolidated permitting process for projects for which the Coastal Development Permit authority is shared by a local government and the State Coastal Commission. The proposed project includes areas within the retained permit jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission, requiring both a Coastal Permit with Hearing issued by Sonoma County and a Coastal Development Permit issued by the California Coastal Commission.

**Whereas**, Section 30601.3 of the Coastal Act requires that the applicant, the local government, and the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission agree to the consolidation

and the consolidation will not substantially impair public participation. On December 22, 2023, the applicant submitted a letter to Planning staff requesting consolidation.

**Whereas,** Planning staff find that consolidated coastal development permit application would be beneficial to the public by reducing the total time and cost that it takes to go through the coastal permitting process, and the proposal would not impair public participation.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Coastal Commission to process the project under a consolidated Coastal Permit pursuant to Section 30601.3 of the Coastal Act.

**Supervisors:**

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

**So Ordered.**