



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 7, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Issuing
A Permit And Permit Extensions Pursuant To Article II Of Chapter 23 of the Sonoma County
Code To Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District For The Project Undertaken To Enhance
Habitats To Support Rearing of Juvenile Salmon On Green Valley Creek, And Making CEQA
Findings As A Responsible Agency**

Whereas, Chapter 23 requires that an application for a permit be filed with the Board of Supervisors prior to the performance of certain prescribed work or operations in a river, stream, or channel which may decrease the clarity of a river or stream; and

Whereas, an application was filed by Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (Applicant) for a roiling permit associated with the Greene and Sweetwater Habitat Enhancement Project along Green Valley Creek; and

Whereas, the project is designed to improve the quantity and quality of habitat for salmonids and other native aquatic species through the construction of in-channel and off-channel habitat features including side channels, inset floodplains, alcoves, seasonal wetlands, large wood habitat structures, and native vegetation planting; and

Whereas, Permit Sonoma has an application for a Use Permit, UPE25-0065, for the project as detailed in the application form. Permit Sonoma staff are recommending approval of the Use Permit and a hearing is scheduled for June 11, 2026, with the Zoning Administrator.

Whereas, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Notice of Applicability providing coverage under Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide Order WQ 2022-0048-DWQ; and

Whereas, the project underwent environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), acting as lead agency under CEQA, previously certified the Statewide Restoration General Order Program

Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019100230) on August 16, 2022, for the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for Restoration Projects Statewide Order. The relevant documents making up this Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, are available at the online locations shown in **Attachment A**.

Whereas, The Regional Water Quality Control Board determined that the Project is consistent with and covered by this Environmental Impact Report for Implementation of Restoration Projects Statewide (SCH #2019100230).

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued Restoration Management Permit No. RMP 2026-0020-R3 authorizing restoration activities associated with the project; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed said application; and

Whereas, the work requires greater than 30 days to complete, as described in the application; and

Whereas, Chapter 23 includes a restriction to perform permitted activities within a period of 30 days, except that additional 30-day permit periods may be granted by the Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, roiling permits and extensions require a 4/5ths vote of the Board of Supervisors.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board finds:

- A. The Board of Supervisors has considered the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Program Environmental Impact Report for the State Water Resources Control Board's Consolidated Final Restoration Projects Statewide Order.
- B. A new subsequent or supplemental EIR is not authorized by CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163, as none of the triggers for further environmental review are met.
- C. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21002.2(d) and CEQA Guidelines section 15096(g), no alternatives or additional mitigation measures are required to address the direct or indirect environmental effects of the limited parts of the project that the County is deciding to approve.
- D. Notwithstanding the fact there are no significant impacts related to the part of the project that County is approving, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15096(h), the County concurs with the State Water Resources

Control Board's findings for the order as a whole and incorporates them in into this resolution by reference. The Board of Supervisors also concurs with the statement of overriding considerations adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board and incorporates that statement of overriding considerations into the findings of this resolution by reference.

- E. The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Regional Water Quality Control Board's analysis and conclusion that the Greene and Sweetwater Habitat Enhancement Project is within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report for the State Water Resources Control Board's Consolidated Final Restoration Projects Statewide Order.

Be It Further Resolved

1. That the Board of Supervisors finds and determines that the work and operations described on said application is necessary and that the work and operations will be performed in a manner which will not unreasonably decrease the clarity of the waters of the rivers or streams of the County of Sonoma; and
2. That permit extensions are hereby granted to the applicant to perform the work described herein for three additional 30-day periods commencing on August 7, 2026, subject to the Director of Permit Sonoma confirming the need for the permit extension immediately prior to the expiration of the permit period; and
3. That the work and operations shall be performed in the manner described in the application and in accordance with the terms and conditions imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
4. The Board of Supervisors approves the application for roiling permit subject to these conditions.
5. The Clerk of the Board is designated as the custodian of the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based. These documents may be found 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa, California. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the Permit Sonoma is directed to file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, and the County Clerk is directed to post and to maintain the posting of a notice of determination pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.

Attachment A

REFERENCES

Consolidated Final Restoration Projects Statewide Order Program Environmental Impact Report, State Water Resources Control Board

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2022/srgo-final-peir-combined.pdf

Consolidated Final Restoration Projects Statewide Order Program Environmental Impact Report, Finding of Fact and Statement of Overriding Consideration, State Water Resources Control Board

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2022/cwa/appendix-i-findings-of-fact-statement-of-overriding.pdf

Consolidated Final Restoration Projects Statewide Order Program Environmental Impact Report, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, State Water Resources Control Board

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2022/cwa/appendix-j-mitigation-monitoring-reporting.pdf