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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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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:

HEALDSBURG VETERANS MEMORIAL BEACH AND WAR MEMORIAL DAM – ANNUAL OPERATION

Project Title

Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach: 13839 Old Redwood Highway

Project Location - Specific

Healdsburg

Project Location - City

Sonoma

Project Location - County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project consists of the annual preparation and operation of the Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach, which is an annual summer recreational swimming area on the Russian River. The swimming area is pool of impounded water behind the Healdsburg War Memorial Dam. The beach consists of a continuous grade of coarse river gravel that is covered with sand. The beach is open between Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The swimming area is created after June 26 and removed prior to September 12 of each year in accordance with California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement No. R3-2002-0079.

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Public Agency Approving Project

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Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status

- ☐ Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); §15268]
- ☐ Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); §15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [§21080(b)(4) Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); §15268]; §15269(b)(c)]
- ☒ Statutory Exemption §15261 – Ongoing Project. §21169 – “Grandfather Clause”
- ☐ Categorical Exemption

Reasons why project is exempt: The Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach has been an annual operation by Sonoma County Regional Parks Department, a public agency, since 1953, far preceding the November 23, 1970 passage of the California Environmental Quality Act. The original public funds allocated for construction of the Healdsburg War Memorial Dam have been spent. The annual costs come from Regional Parks operation budget. Regional Parks has not modified the project in any way that creates new significant effects on the environment, nor does Regional Parks propose any project modifications at this time. For these reasons, the annual operation of the Healdsburg Veterans Memorial Beach fully qualifies for the Ongoing Project statutory exemption from CEQA as described in CEQA Guidelines §15261.

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