

Notice of Exemption

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585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
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From: Sonoma County Water Agency
c/o Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
404 Aviation Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Title: Summary Vacation of Sanitary Sewer Easement for Gola Properties LLC.

Project Location - Specific: Project located at 1181 Broadway, Sonoma, California, APN #128-181-005 (Figure A-1).

Project Location – City: Unincorporated

County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed project involves a summary vacation of a sewer easement to Gola Properties LLC. Gola Properties LLC has requested that the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District (District) vacate a Sewer Dedication and Easement Agreement granted to the District by Gola Properties on November 7, 2017. The Sewer Dedication and Easement Agreement is in connection with a proposed condominium project located at 1181 Broadway, Sonoma. The need for vacating this easement has been brought about due to a conflict between existing utilities that has prevented Gola Properties from constructing the public sewer main that was originally designed and permitted for the proposed condominium development. Gola Properties has elected to construct the system required for the development as a private sewer system that will be operated and maintained by a Homeowners Association that will succeed Gola's ownership of the system. This eliminates the need for the easement that was dedicated and granted to the District and thus Gola has requested the District to vacate the easement. The vacation of the easement will not have a significant impact on the District.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3): Review for Exemption
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the project involves the vacation of property rights by the District, as requested by the property owner, and vacating the easement does not have potential for significant impacts to the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Connie Barton

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Signature: _____ **Title:** General Manager

Date: 9/24/2019

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR: _____