

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM (Public Agency):
Sonoma County Water Agency
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Project Title: Lake Mendocino Mussel Infestation Prevention Program

Project Location Specific: 1160 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California

Project Location – City: Ukiah

Project Location – County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Dreissenid mussels are an invasive freshwater mussel that can severely devastate the natural environment if introduced into a waterway. They can clog water and flood protection infrastructure, and result in millions of dollars in maintenance. These mussels are commonly transported between waterways by watercraft, primarily recreational boats. Specially trained detection canines are used to inspect watercraft for the detection of mussels and their microscopic larvae and are often more efficient than human inspectors.

The Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) has coordinated a successful watercraft inspection program at Lake Mendocino since 2008. The project includes adopting a Resolution ratifying and approving the signing and filing of grant applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways. If the grant is awarded, the funds would be used to maintain enhanced watercraft inspection services and increase the hours of canine watercraft inspections on peak boating days to prevent quagga and zebra mussel infestation into Lake Mendocino. The funds would also provide public education, outreach, a survey, monitoring, and management of boating recreation activities that are permitted on the Lake.

Lead Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Water Agency

Lead Agency Contact Name and Phone: Connie Barton 707-547-1905

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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: Section 15309, Inspections
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State Code number:

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Reasons why project is exempt: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15309, project activities are limited to watercraft quagga and zebra mussel inspections and inspection training that help prevent the potential for infestation at Lake Mendocino. Pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21083, the project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, have a cumulatively considerable effect, or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. Pursuant to PRC Section 21084, the project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historic resource or tribal cultural resource.

Signature 

General Manager
Title

September 15, 2026
Date

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Approving the Project

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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