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CEQA Memorandum

Moore Creek Park Expansion – “Dan’s Wild Ride Trail” – Use Permit
Minor Modification P21-00246
Zoning Administrator Hearing Date (March 22, 2023)



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To: Zoning Administrator	From: Matt Ringel, Project Planner
Date: March 22, 2023	Re: P21-00246 – Moore Creek Park Expansion “Dan’s Wild Ride Trail” – Use Permit Minor Modification CEQA Memo for Napa County as a Responsible Agency 2602 Chiles Pope Valley Rd., St. Helena Assessor Parcel Numbers: 025-060-023, 025-060-025, 025-200-034, 025-440-010, 025-060-021, 025-060-005, 025-030-017, 025-030-010, 025-030-018, and 025-030-019

CEQA Analysis

The Napa County Planning Division has received a request for a Use Permit Minor Modification, #P21-00246 to expand the trail system of Moore Creek Park. The project site is located across six parcels within the AW (Agricultural Watershed) zoning district.

The modification would allow the following: expansion of Moore Creek Park to include the operation of an existing 3.9-mile-long natural surface trail connecting Moore Creek Park to the Pacific Union College Demonstration and Experimental Forest and to construct an approximately 1,000 foot reroute of a portion of said existing trail on the Land Trust of Napa County’s Okin Preserve. The proposed trail would be publicly accessible and allow non-motorized uses including hiking and biking, but not allow horseback riding.

Section 903 of the *Napa County’s Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act* establishes a procedure for approving a project when the County of Napa is acting as a Responsible Agency.

Napa County is a responsible agency for this project. On July 11, 2022, The Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Board, acting as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), adopted a Negative Declaration for the proposed project. The Napa County Zoning Administrator certifies that it has reviewed and considered the environmental effects of the project and finds that it adequately addresses those effects that are within the scope of the County’s jurisdiction as a responsible agency (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15050(b)). The project site is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Sec. 65962.5.

Staff has reviewed the Negative Declaration adopted by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Board and concurs with their finding that the proposed project could not have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the proposed project as described above, the Moore Creek Park expansion application request meets the criteria for eligibility under Section 903 of *Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act*.