

RESOLUTION NO. 2022/2023-0615-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHERN SONOMA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING CEQA PROJECT-SPECIFIC ANALYSIS/ADDENDUM FOR COOLEY RANCH VEGETATION TREATMENT PROJECT, MAKING CEQA FINDINGS, APPROVING PROJECT, AND APPROVING RELATED ACTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District (the District) as follows:

1. Recitals. This resolution is adopted with reference to the following background recitals:

a. The District has evaluated the work for CEQA compliance as a later activity covered by the 2019 CAL FIRE Program Environmental Impact Report for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (PEIR). The District has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis and CEQA Addendum (PSA/Addendum) to evaluate if the proposed Project work is within the scope of the PEIR, consider revisions or changes to the PEIR that would expand its coverage to include all Project areas, and provide environmental information to the District to aid in its consideration of Project work to be performed on Cooley Ranch. The Project is described in more detail in the PSA/Addendum.

b. The PSA/Addendum concludes that:

- i) The environmental effects of the proposed Project work on areas within the PEIR treatable landscape have been covered in the PEIR and all applicable standard project requirements (which are part of the PEIR project description) and mitigation measures identified in the PEIR will be implemented, and therefore the Project areas within the PEIR treatable landscape are within the scope of the PEIR.
- ii) With regard to the proposed Project work on areas outside the PEIR treatable landscape, the work does not result in substantial changes in the PEIR project description, no substantial changes in circumstances have occurred, and no new information of substantial importance has been identified. The inclusion of Project areas outside the PEIR treatable landscape will not result in any new or substantially more severe significant impacts. None of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. Therefore, the PSA/Addendum will be adopted to address the Project areas outside geographic area covered by the PEIR.

The District therefore proposes to adopt the PSA/Addendum for the Project.

c. The District has prepared the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Cooley Ranch Vegetation Treatment Project (the "Mitigation Program") regarding the implementation of the proposed CEQA mitigation measures and standard project requirements.

d. The District Fire Chief recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the PSA/Addendum, make the related findings, adopt the accompanying Mitigation Program, approve the Project, and authorize the filing of a CEQA Notice of Determination.

2. Adoption of PSA/Addendum and Related Findings. The Board adopts the PSA/Addendum for the Project pursuant to CEQA in the form as presented at this meeting. The Board also adopts the attached Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

3. Location and Custodian of Documents. The PSA/Addendum, documents referred to in the PSA/ Addendum, Mitigation Program, and other documents concerning the Project are on file and available for public review at the District office at 20975 Geyserville Avenue, Geyserville, CA 95441. The District Clerk of the Board at this address is the custodian of the documents that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision in this matter is based.

4. Mitigation Program. The Board (a) approves the mitigation measures and standard project requirements as described in the PSA/Addendum, (b) authorizes and directs District staff to implement the mitigation measures and standard project requirements in the performance and implementation of the Project work, and (c) adopts the Mitigation Program in the form as presented at this meeting.

5. Project Approval. The Board approves the Project and authorizes the Fire Chief and his designees and authorized contractors and subgrantees to proceed with Project performance and implementation. Project implementation shall be undertaken in accordance with the District Purchasing and Contracting Procedures, District budget, and applicable law.

6. Notice of Determination. The Board authorizes and directs the Fire Chief, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and file a CEQA Notice of Determination with the Sonoma County Clerk and State Clearinghouse within five days from the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to pay the applicable California Department of Fish and Wildlife CEQA fee.

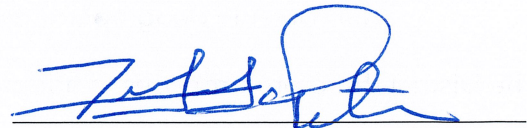
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District on the 15th day of June 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Peterson, Stewart, Abercrombie, Heiges, Newman

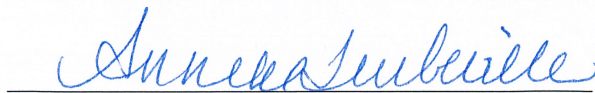
NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



Board Chair



Attest: Clerk of the Board