

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Temporary Homeless Camp at Lee Gerner Park

Project Location: Lee Gerner Park

City of Novato, County of Marin APN: 141-201-25 & 141-201-19

Description of Project: This installation will reconstruct a temporary homeless camp for less than 20 people.

Name of Public Agency Taking Action on the Project: City of Novato

Name of Person or Agency Proposing Project: City of Novato

Ministerial project not subject to CEQA: Because this camp is being installed pursuant to a federal court order it is ministerial, not considered a project as defined in CEQA and thus not subject to CEQA.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption; Type and Section Number: Even assuming arguendo that this installation is subject to CEQA, it is exempt from CEQA under the following CEQA Guidelines: (1) 15269(b) Emergency Projects - Emergency repairs to publicly owned facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare; (2) 15301 - operation and minor alteration of existing homeless encampment involving negligible or no expansion of that existing encampment; (3) 15302 - replacement of an existing facility where the new facility will be located on the same site as the existing facility and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facility being replaced; (4) 15303 - construction and location of a limited number of new, small facilities or structures; and (5) 15304 - minor public alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: In addition to the reasons set forth above, the work involves the partial reconstruction due to fire damage of a temporary homeless camp to house persons who previously camped throughout the park covering an area larger than the proposed encampment which had a deleterious impact on the park and its environment. The temporary encampment reduced these persons' environmental impacts and the emergency reconstruction is essential to the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

Lead Agency Contact

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