Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
   P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
   Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
   County Clerk
   County of: Marin
   3501 Civic Center Drive #234
   San Rafael, CA 94903

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
   5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200
   Petaluma, CA 94954
   (Address)

Project Title: SMART Freight Rail State of Good Repair

Project Applicant: Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Novato, Unincorporated
Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SMART proposes to perform capitalized maintenance per the SMART Maintenance of Way Plan to the SMART-owned Brazos branch rail line to ensure continued operation of the railroad within Marin County between SMART's Mainline in Novato and Sonoma County (MP B-25.8 to MP B-49.8). The proposed project includes capitalized maintenance to the track, grade crossings and bridges within the existing railroad footprint.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)

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: Class 2, 15301 restoration of damaged structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 for the restoration of damaged structures. The proposed project would perform capitalized maintenance to ensure continued operations of freight rail services with track, crossings and bridges that meet Federal Railroad Administration standards. The project is additionally exempt under section 15302 for replacement of existing structures completed in-kind and within the existing railroad footprint.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Emily Betts
Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-794-3330

If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? □ Yes □ No

Signature: [Signature]
Date: 4/17/23
Title: Planning Manager

□ Signed by Lead Agency □ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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