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To: Marin County Clerk

3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234

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DATE: June 20, 2023

PROJECT TITLE: MARIN CYCLISTS 60TH ANNUAL MARIN CENTURY EVENT

PROJECT LOCATION: 3549 Novato Boulevard, Novato, Unincorporated Marin County, California

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL: 125-090-19

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The proposed project consists of granting a special use permit for the 60^{th} Annual Marin Century cycling event, sponsored by Marin Cyclists. The event would include three fully-supported routes, ranging from 62-100 miles for participants to choose from. The Marin Century is a charity event, with proceeds of \$25,000 distributed to 12 cycling and community group organizations last year. The Special Use Permit would include reservable sites 1-5 and approximately 1,500 parking spaces. The event would occur on August 5, 2023 between the hours of 5:00am -8:00pm. Event set-up and take-down would occur on August 4 and 6, 2023 between 9:00 and 5:00pm. Approximately 1,750 -2,000 participants are anticipated, which exceeds the capacity of a reservable site but can be accommodated given the nature of the event with participants riding the routes and not all congregating at the reservable sites for the duration of the event. The event would include amplified sound and may include the sale of food, drink, and merchandise.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Max Korten, Director of Marin County Parks

Reasons for Exemption: Marin County Parks has reviewed the special event permit application in the context of Stafford Lake Park and has determined that authorizing the permit the event is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

Section 15323: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings. The proposed project consists issuing a special event permit at an existing facility for a public gathering. Stafford Lake Park was designed with reservable space for this type of event and there is a history of this facility being used for this purpose. There is a reasonable expectation that this event would not represent a change in the operation of the facility and that the event would not result in cumulative impacts; significant impacts on the environment due to unusual circumstances; affect the significance of historical resources. The project is not located within an officially designated scenic highway or on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

Stafford Lake Park – MARIN CYCLISTS 60^{TH} ANNUAL MARIN CENTURY EVENT June 20, 2023



