



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**DATE:** November 29, 2023  
**PROJECT TITLE:** **JEANNETTE PRANDI DRAINAGE DITCH MAINTENANCE**  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** Lucas Valley Open Space Preserve, Jeannette Prandi Way, San Rafael, Marin County  
**ASSESSORS' PARCEL:** 164-640-01

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain the roadside drainage ditch that conveys hillslope and road surface drainage to a ditch relief culvert under Jeannette Prandi Way to reestablish its function. The project area is a pedestrian corridor and driveway to the entrance to Marin County offices. Material deposited in the drainage ditch has decreased its functionality and leads to annual flooding of the road and the adjacent parking lot and facilities at Marin County Juvenile Hall.

The drainage ditch is approximately 200-feet in length with an average depth of 6-inches and a width of 2-feet. No wetlands would be affected, and no vegetation would be removed with the exception of non-native annual grasses in the existing ditch. The alignment and dimensions of the drainage ditch would remain the same as existing. The proposed project would be implemented in December 2023 and would take approximately one day to complete. Project implementation would utilize a mini excavator, tractor with a box scraper, and some finishing work using hand tools. Construction staging would occur on the paved section of Jeannette Prandi Way, which would be closed during project implementation with an alternate route established for pedestrian traffic. No grading would be required for construction access or staging. Applicable Polices and Best Management Practices included in the MCOSD's Road and Trail Management Plan would be implemented, including erosion control and water pollution prevention measures.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin County Parks and Open Space District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Marin County Parks and Open Space District

**Reasons for Exemption:** The MCOSD has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

**Section 15301: Existing Facilities:** The proposed project consists of the maintenance of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed project would clear non-native grass from an existing drainage ditch to reestablish the functionality of the drainage swale and adjacent culvert. The proposed project would only remove non-native grass from the existing drainage swale. No other vegetation would be removed. There are no wetlands in the project area and no surface waters would be affected. Implementation of the proposed project would not affect scenic resources, historical resources, rock outcroppings, result in cumulative impacts; or in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances.

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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION GRAPHIC

Jeannette Prandi Way Drainage Ditch Maintenance Project

Lucas Valley Open Private Space Preserve

November 29, 2023



Approximate Project Location



**FIRE ROAD AND TRAIL USES**

FIRE ROAD	TRAIL	TRAIL
Hikers/Bikes/Horses	Hikers/Bikes/Horses	Hikers Only
Hikers/Bikes/Horses	Hikers/Horses	

**SYMBOLS**

	Marin County Open Space District Preserve		Distance (miles)
	Other Public Lands		Gates
	Multuse Pathway		Creeks & Streams
	Trail (Non-MCOSD)		Water Tank
	Bay Area Ridge Trail		Public Transit