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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION



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By Alan Dorfman Deputy

To: Marin County Clerk
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234
San Rafael, CA 94903

DATE: March 10, 2026
PROJECT TITLE: SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – Ancient Persian Celebration of Spring
PROJECT LOCATION: McNears Beach Park. 201 Cantera Way, San Rafael, Marin County, California
ASSESSOR PARCEL: 184-010-16; 184-030-50; and 184-101-53

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The proposed project consists of granting a special use permit to the Persian Society of Marin for the Chahar Shanbeh Soori/Ancient Persian Celebration of Spring at the McNears Beach Park Area 8 and South Shoe reservable sites and approximately 200 parking spaces. The event would occur on Tuesday, March 16, 2026 between 5PM to 10PM. Set-up and take down would take approximately 3 hours. Approximately 400 participants are anticipated. The event would include amplified sound and sale of food, drink, and/or merchandise. The event would be free to the public and no funds will be collected from entry.

Public Agency Approving Project: Marin County Parks

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Chris Chamberlain, Director and General Manager

Reasons for Exemption: Marin County Parks has reviewed the special event permit application in the context of McNears Beach 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 project consists of issuing a special event permit at an existing facility for a public gathering. McNears Beach Park was designed with reservable space for this type of event and there is a past history of the 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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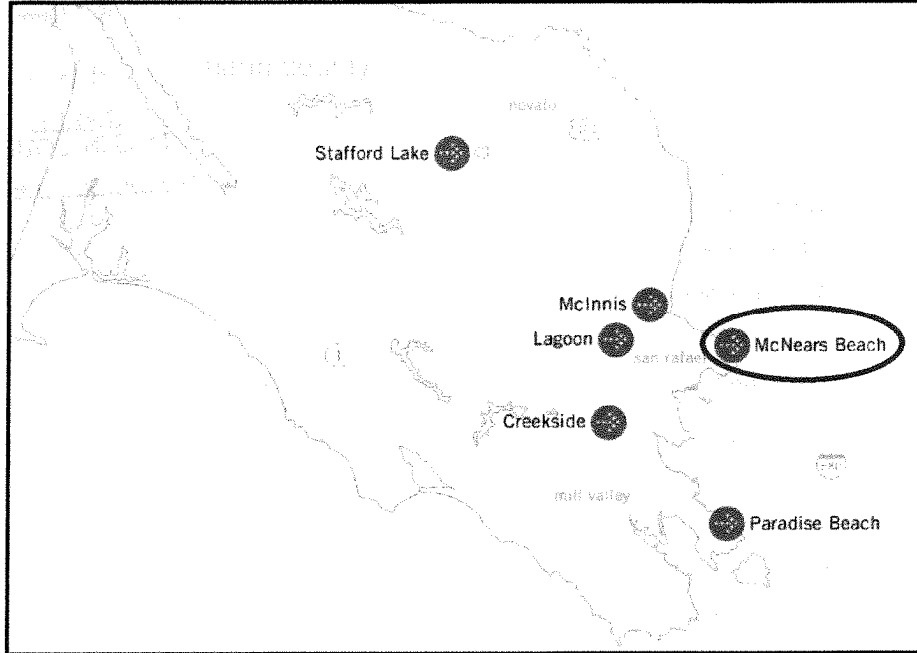
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

McNears Beach Park – Ancient Persian Celebration of Spring

March 10, 2026



County Park - McNears Beach

201 Cantera Way
San Rafael, CA 94901

From Highway 101, take the Central San Rafael exit and go east on Second Street (which becomes San Pedro Road) to Cantera Way

