



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Marin County Parks and Open Space District**  
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**MARIN COUNTY CLERK**

By A.Oxlaj Arevalo Deputy

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

**DATE:** March 10, 2026

**PROJECT TITLE:** SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – MARIN CYCLISTS FUNDRAISER RIDE

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Stafford Lake Park; 3549 Novato Boulevard, Novato, Unincorporated Marin County, CA

**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 to Marin Cyclists for a fundraiser ride at the Stafford Lake Park consisting of all reservable sites and approximately 1,500 parking spaces. The event would occur on August 01, 2026 between the hours of 5:30 am – 7:00 pm with set-up beginning at 4:30 am. Associated event activities would occur July 30 - 31 and August 02 - 03, 2026; 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. Approximately 2,500 participants are anticipated. The fundraiser will sell tickets until the number of maximum participants is reached. The fundraiser ride would include five routes between 37 and 127 miles in length, all of which would start and end at Stafford Lake Park. The event would include beer and food vendors and on-site cooking. The event would include amplified sound, live music, and expo booths. Marin Cyclists would provide portable toilets, bike racks, tents, tables, chairs, and first aid.

**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 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 project consists of 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 past 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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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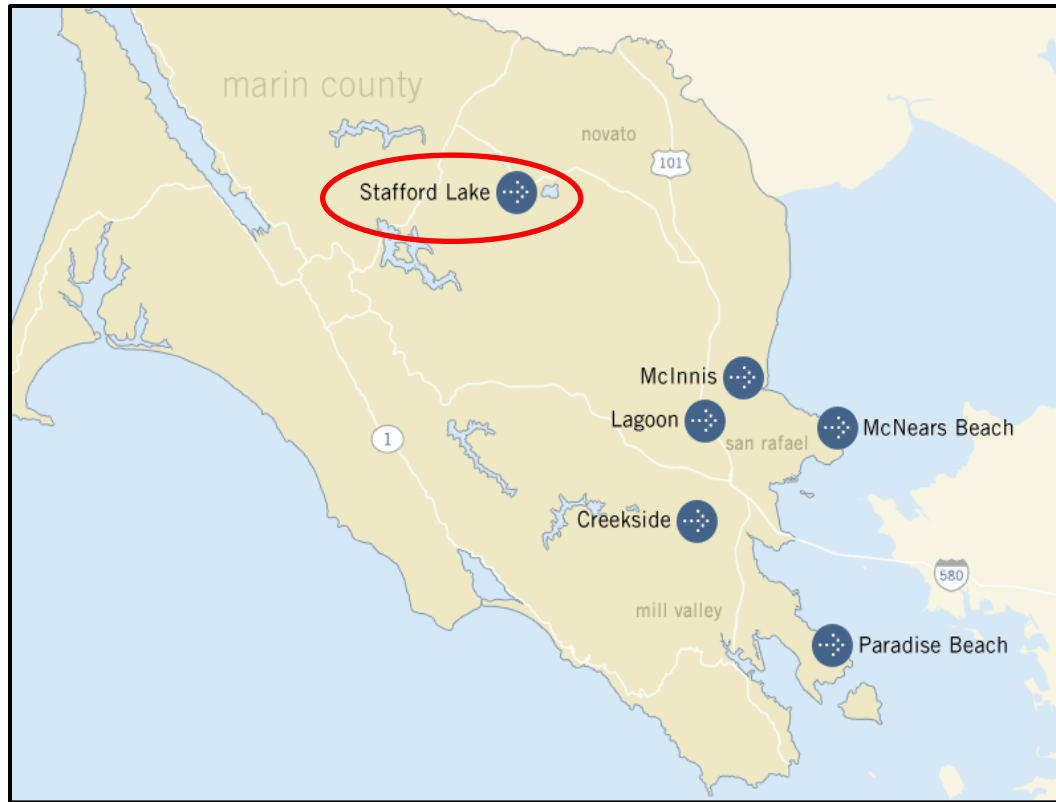
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

Stafford Lake Park – Special Event Permit -Marin Cyclists Fundraiser Ride

March 10, 2026



### County Park - Stafford Lake

3549 Novato Blvd.  
Novato, CA 94947

From Highway 101, take San Marin Drive to Novato Blvd, to Novato Blvd/Hicks Valley Rd, then go west past the Stafford Lake Dam

