



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Marin County Parks and Open Space District**  
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SHELLY SCOTT  
MARIN COUNTY CLERK  
BY: *[Signature]*, Deputy

**DATE:** June 23, 2026

**PROJECT TITLE:** SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – Parish Picnic and Fun Run

**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 the Our Lady of Loretto for the Parish Picnic and Fun Run at the Stafford Lake Park Area 2 reservable site and approximately 50 parking spaces. The event would occur on September 27, 2026 between 11:00AM – 4:00PM. Set-up and take down would take approximately 1 hour. Approximately 300 participants are anticipated. The event would include amplified sound and would intermittently require full access to the bike park, Terwilliger trail, and disc golf course.

**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 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.

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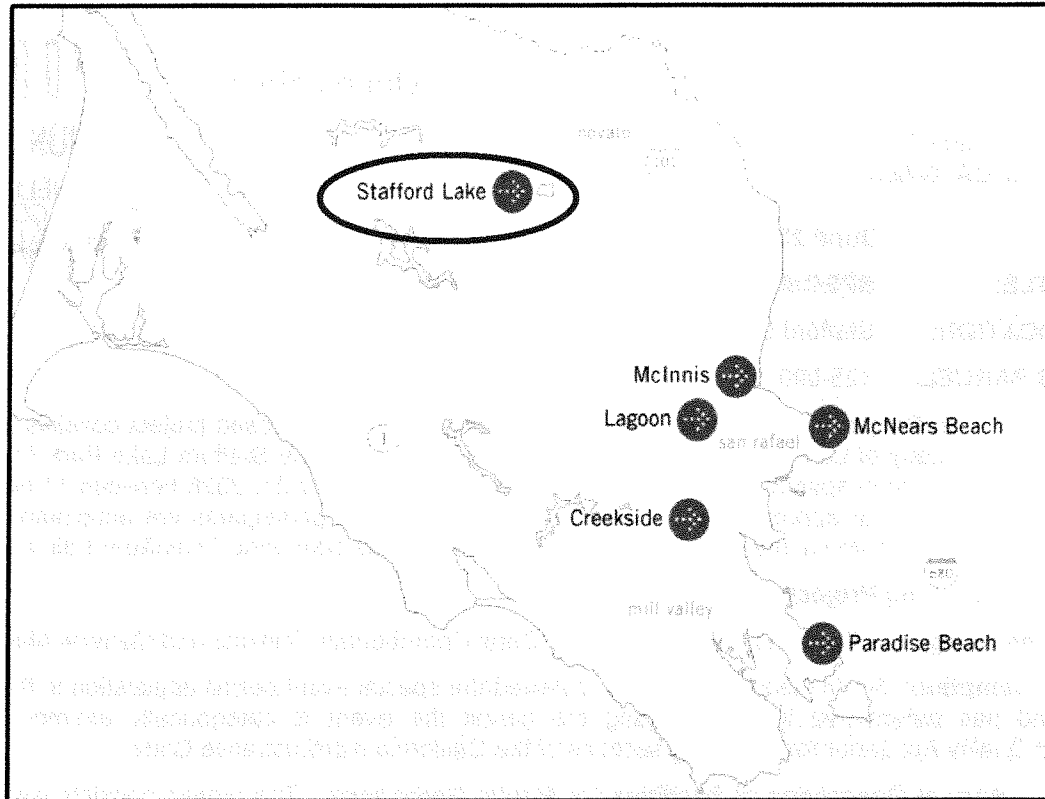
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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

Stafford Lake Park – Parish Picnic and Fun Run

June 23, 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

