



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Marin County Parks and Open Space District**  
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**MARIN COUNTY CLERK**  
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To: Marin County Clerk  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234  
San Rafael, CA 94903

**DATE:** September 26, 2023  
**PROJECT TITLE:** SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – September 30, 2023  
**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 Molly Graham for Clish's Chili Cookoff the McNears Beach Park South Beach Area 8 reservable site and approximately 40 parking spaces. The event would occur on September 30, 2023 between 12-8pm. Set-up and take down would take approximately 3 hours. Approximately 75 participants are anticipated. The event would include amplified sound and a jumper house.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin County Parks

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Max Korten, 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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

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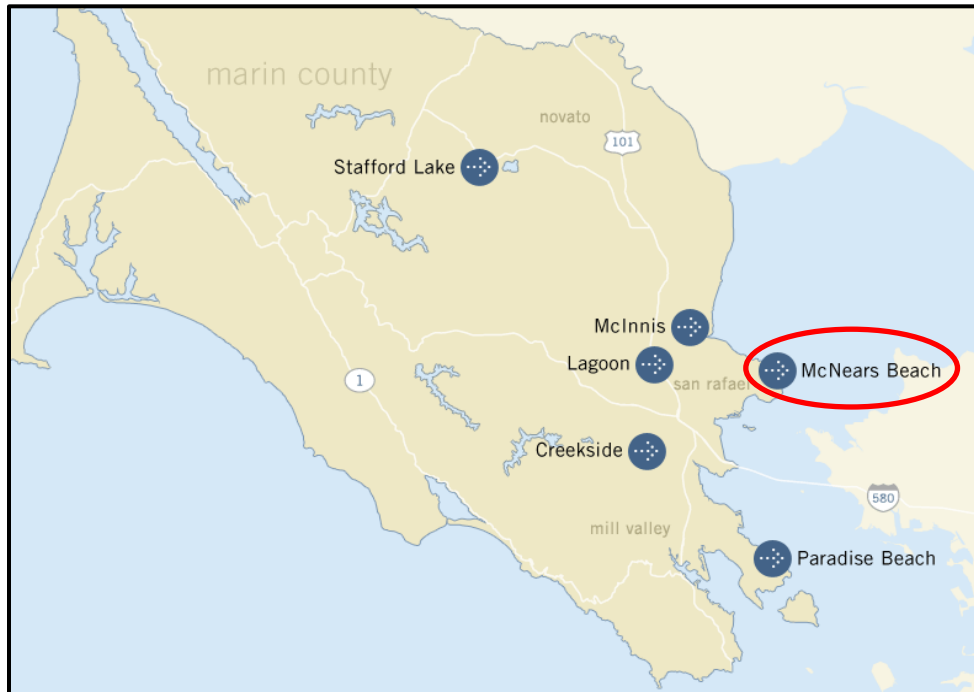
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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

## McNears Beach Park – Clish’s Chili Cookoff

September 30, 2023



### 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

