Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, #103F
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): County of Sonoma
2550 Ventura Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma County General Plan 2020 Environmental Justice Element

Project Applicant: County of Sonoma

Project Location - Specific:

Unincorporated areas of Sonoma County

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is a General Plan amendment to incorporate a new Environmental Justice Element into the Sonoma County General Plan 2020. The Environmental Justice Element identifies low-income areas with disproportionate environmental burden, called Environmental Justice Communities, and establishes new goals, policies, and programs to advance health in those areas and across the unincorporated County. Policies and programs address pollution exposure, access to public facilities and healthy food options, community public health, safe living conditions, and civic engagement in public decision-making processes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Sonoma

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Sonoma

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- ☑ Common Sense (Guidelines Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

The adoption of a new Environmental Justice Element for the Sonoma County General Plan is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption) because CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Environmental Justice Element is a programmatic document that will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment or approval of any development project. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed general plan amendment will result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Katrina Braehmer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 565-1903

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Katrina Braehmer Date: August 13, 2025 Title: Katrina Braehmer, Supervising Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

This notice was posted on 08/15/2025 and will remain posted for a period of thirty days through 09/15/2025

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: Carrie Anderson
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-08152025-325

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF SONOMA		08/15/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	25-0815-01

PROJECT TITLE

SONOMA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
COUNTY OF SONOMA		(707) 565-1903

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2550 VENTURA AVENUE	SANTA ROSA	CA	95403

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☒ County documentary handling fee		$ $50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
x Carrie Anderson	Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder