

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 Dr., Ste 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma County
Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures
133 Aviation Blvd., Ste 110, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(Address)

Project Title: Permit ACO25-0102

Project Applicant: Duckhorn Wine Co., Sonoma-Cutrer, Vine Hill Vyds., 1201 Dowdell Ln., St. Helena, CA 94574

Project Location - Specific: 5366 Vine Hill Rd and 6155 Hwy 116

Project Location - City: Forestville

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is to replant 51.9 acres of vineyard. The applicant does not seek changes in the ministerial standards set in Chapter 36 of the Sonoma County Code and the Best Management Practices and Technical Report Guidelines for New Vineyard and Orchard Development, Vineyard and Orchard Replanting, and Agricultural Grading and Drainage (VESCO).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Patrick Norton, Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards

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: _____

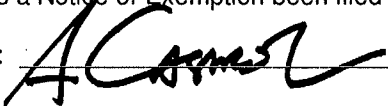
Reasons why project is exempt:

The review of permit applications and the issuance of permits pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Sonoma County Code are ministerial actions, except in one situation not applicable here. The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner has verified that this vineyard site development meets the ministerial criteria for approval set forth in Sonoma County Code 36.02.070.A.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Andy Casarez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 565-2371


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:  Date: 09/15/2025 Title: AVCC

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: 
Bryant Hill, Deputy Clerk

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