NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

County of Sonoma

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Agricultural Employee Housing Zoning Code Update
Public Agency: County of Sonoma
Project Applicant: County of Sonoma
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Project Location: Countywide
Date of Approval: 10/07/2025

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office
County of Sonoma
585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT: The project implements the programs of the County's 6th Cycle Housing Element, adopted in 2023. The project consists of text updates to the County Code to make it consistent with the California Employee Housing Act, and changes to qualifying agricultural use thresholds for a farmworker dwelling. Small farmers and farmworkers will be the primary beneficiaries of the project.

EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt under Sections 15183 and 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:
The County Code revisions pertaining to Employee Housing Act permitting are administrative updates that will not result in a direct or indirect change to the environment and are therefore not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The proposed amendments to the County Zoning Code to reduce agricultural use thresholds implementing Housing Element Subprogram 15g are deemed exempt under Section 15183 of the CEQA Guidelines. Staff determined that the proposed revisions are consistent with the development density analyzed in the certified General Plan 2020 environmental impact report (EIR). Further, there are no project-specific impacts associated with the text changes to the County Code. There are no project impacts that were not analyzed in the General Plan 2020 EIR as significant effects. There are also no potentially significant offsite and/or cumulative impacts that the General Plan 2020 EIR failed to analyze. There is no substantive new information that would result in more severe impacts than were previously analyzed or anticipated by the General Plan 2020 EIR.

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Eric Gage, Project Planner
Permit Sonoma
Project Review Division
(707) 565-1391

This notice was posted on 10/13/2025 and will remain posted for a period of thirty days through 11/13/2025

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy Clerk

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: 49-10132025-401

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF SONOMA		10/13/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	25-1013-03

PROJECT TITLE

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING ZONING CODE UPDATE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
COUNTY OF SONOMA		(707) 565-1391

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
2550 VENTURA AVE	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	Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

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