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 ACO25-0129

Project Applicant: Gallo Vineyards, PO Box 1130, Modesto, CA 95353

Project Location - Specific: 2043, 2101 Laguna Rd., 6191 Vine Hill School Rd.

Project Location - City: Santa Rosa Project Location - County Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is to replant 33.22 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: Jake Bricker, E&J Gallo Winery

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: 10/17/2025 Title: AVCC

☑ 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: _____

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
BY: _____
Maria Mendoza, Deputy Clerk

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