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: San Mateo
555 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

From: (Public Agency): City of Redwood City
1017 Middlefield Road
Redwood City, CA 94063
(Address)

FILED ENDORSED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK RECORDER SAN MATEO COUNTY CALIF

OCT 20 2025

MARK KAMILLE SANTOS By Deputy Clerk

Project Title: Affordable Housing Incentive Program

Project Applicant: City of Redwood City

Project Location - Specific:
Redwood City

Project Location - City: Redwood City Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Adoption of ordinance approving the Affordable Housing Incentive Program, which would temporarily amending Article 29 (Requirements for Affordable Housing) of the Zoning Code by reducing Affordable Housing Requirements for Pipeline Projects (Affordable Housing Incentive Program) through June 30, 2027.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redwood City

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Redwood City

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: Not a Project or 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The Affordable Housing Incentive Program is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The proposed Program is not considered a project under Public Resources Code Section 21605, and Guidelines Section 15378, and even if it were a project, it would be categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), as the Affordable Housing Incentive Program does not have potential for a direct physical effect in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect effect on the environment. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment is not considered a project under CEQA. The proposed Affordable Housing Incentive Program involves the adoption or amendment of certain fees and/or charges imposed by the City, does not commit the City to any specific project, and said fees and/or charges are applicable to Pipeline Projects which have been approved and undergone CEQA review or are applicable to future development projects and/or activities, each of which future projects and/or activities will be fully evaluated in full compliance with CEQA when sufficient physical details regarding said projects and/or activities are available to permit meaningful CEQA review (see CEQA Guidelines, Section 15004(b)(1)). Therefore, approval of the Affordable Housing Incentive Program for reduced fees and/or charges is not a "project" for purposes of CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378(b)(4); and, even if considered a "project" under CEQA, is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that approval of the reduced fees and/or charges may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Melinda Hue Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-780-7363

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: 10/20/25 Title: Principal Planner – CEQA Coordinator

☒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: _____

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

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RECEIPT NUMBER:
41-10202025-0001

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

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LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
CITY OF REDWOOD CITY		10/20/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
SAN MATEO COUNTY		129337

PROJECT TITLE

AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF REDWOOD CITY		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY STATE	ZIP CODE

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	$ 50.00
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☒ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other 054810 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Kamille Santos Deputy Clerk

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