



## NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

County of Sonoma

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
(707) 565-1900 Fax (707) 565-1103

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):

<b>Project Title:</b> Amendments to Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Zoning) – Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance Update (ORD26-0001)	<b>To:</b> County Clerk- Recorder Office County of Sonoma 585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 Santa Rosa, CA 95403	<b>Office of Planning and Research</b> P.O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
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**Public Agency:** County of Sonoma

**Project Applicant:** County of Sonoma – Permit Sonoma

**Applicant Address:** 2550 Ventura Avenue,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Project Location:** Countywide, Sonoma County, California;

**Date of Approval:** May 19, 2026

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### DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. ORD26-0001 amending Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Zoning), Sections 26-04-010 (Definitions), 26-30-120 (Telecommunications Facilities), 26-64-040 (Telecommunication Facilities in the SR District), and 26-88-130 (Telecommunications Facilities). The Ordinance updates regulations governing wireless telecommunications facilities to reflect current technology and industry practices, improve permitting clarity and predictability, align local regulations with applicable federal and state law, codify requirements for the removal of abandoned facilities, and address maintenance of telecommunications structures. Beneficiaries include the general public, telecommunications applicants, and property owners throughout Sonoma County who will have clearer, more efficient, and legally defensible telecommunications permitting standards.

**EXEMPT STATUS:** Not a Project (CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3)); Alternatively, General Rule Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))

### REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:


Permit Sonoma has determined that this Ordinance is not a "project" as defined under CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3), because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and does not authorize any development projects. All future development projects reviewed under this Ordinance will be required to undergo separate CEQA review prior to authorization. Alternatively, if adoption of this Ordinance is determined to constitute a project, it is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the Ordinance will have no significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance clarifies existing regulations and adopts new standards for restoration of sites to pre-project conditions upon abandonment of facilities, and does not authorize any new development.

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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** This notice was posted on 05/21/2026 and will remain posted for a period of thirty days through 06/21/2026

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**Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk**  
BY:  Ashley Corbin, Deputy Clerk

**Doug Bush** Digitally signed by Doug Bush  
Date: 2026.05.21 09:51:42 -07'00'

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Doug Bush, Project Planner  
Permit Sonoma  
Comprehensive Planning Division  
(707) 565-5726



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-05212026-194
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/21/2026
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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 26-0521-02
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PROJECT TITLE  
AMENDMENTS TO SONOMA COUNTY

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY OF SONOMA – PERMIT SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-5726
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PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVENUE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 95403
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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash     Credit     Check     Other

TOTAL RECEIVED    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Ashley Corbin, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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