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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: Housing Element Implementation Items
Public Agency: County of Sonoma
Project Applicant: County of Sonoma
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Project Location: Unincorporated Sonoma County
Date of Approval: November 17, 2026

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

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT: Amendments to the County Zoning Code to implement programs of the adopted Housing Element.

EXEMPT STATUS: the action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as discussed below.

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Public Resources Code Section 21080.085, provides that rezonings that implement the schedule of actions of an adopted and certified Housing Element are statutorily exempt from CEQA. With the exception of updates to the Rental Housing Opportunity Program and the Supplemental Density Bonus, all proposed rezonings implement the adopted and certified Housing Element.
The updates to the Reasonable Accommodations Ordinance are administrative activities are not a project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).
Additionally or in the alternative, the action is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption) where it can be seen with certainty that the activity will have no significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the project will result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment, for the following reasons. Revisions to the Density Unit Equivalent program are needed for compliance with State housing law because the effect of current provisions is that allowable density is less than stated by a site's zoned density. Revisions regarding Planned Community development standards for state density bonus projects are clarifications to procedure and will not result in any environmental impact. Revisions to the local density bonus programs only change the eligibility and affordability criteria for the programs, and do not increase residential densities over what is currently allowed. The removal of the Lance Drive Local Guidelines has no impact on the environment because the affected parcels have been annexed by the City of Santa Rosa and the County no longer has land use jurisdiction.

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

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: 49-11182026-407

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
COUNTY OF SONOMA		11/18/2026

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SONOMA	26-1118-02

PROJECT TITLE

HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

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)	$4,227.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$3,043.75	$
☐ 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)

☐ 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 Carrie Anderson	Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder