



NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department

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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: ORD23-0004 Modernizing Tree and Woodland Protections	To: County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and Research
Public Agency: Sonoma County	County of Sonoma	
Project Applicant: Permit Sonoma	585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95403	Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Project Location: Countywide		
Date of Approval: 4/16/2024		

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

Amendments to Sonoma County Code Chapter 26 (Sonoma County Zoning Code Regulations) to make technical changes and updates related to tree and woodland protections. The revisions to Chapter 26 include updates to the Definitions section, Valley Oak Habitat Combining Zone, and establishing an Oak Woodland Combining District.

Updates to the Valley Oak Habitat Combining Zone includes expanding the applicability of the existing combining zone, providing updated mitigation, establishing a permitting process for projects subject to the ordinance, and establishing a new Oak Woodland Combining District that is intended to protect oak woodlands and establish a permitting process for project that may impact oak woodlands. The proposed technical changes and updates provide a framework to guide the County's protection of tree and forest resources when permitting development that could impact tree and forest resources.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions Section 15307 for actions by regulatory agencies for protection of natural resources, 15308 Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Adoption of the proposed ordinance amendments to County Code are exempt pursuant to the categorical exemptions provide at State CEQA Guidelines § 15307 for Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources and § 15308 for Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment because the amendments are regulatory in nature and are designed to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement or protection of natural resources and the environment. No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply. There is no reasonable possibility that the project would have a significant effect on the environment.

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

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Natural Resources Division
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This notice was posted on 04/18/2024
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 05/19/2024

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk
By Norma Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 49-04182024-098
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 04/18/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 24-0418-01	

PROJECT TITLE
 ORD23-0004 MODERNIZING TREE AND WOODLAND PROTECTIONS

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PERMIT SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-3718
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 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) \$4,051.25 \$ _____
 Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____
 Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____

- 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 X [Redacted]	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Norma Gonzalez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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