



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: Agricultural Employee Housing
Zoning Code Update

Public Agency: County of Sonoma

Project Applicant: County of Sonoma

Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Location: Countywide

Date of Approval: 10/07/2025

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office
County of Sonoma

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office of Planning and
Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT: The project implements the programs of the County's 6th Cycle Housing Element, adopted in 2023. The project consists of text updates to the County Code to make it consistent with the California Employee Housing Act, and changes to qualifying agricultural use thresholds for a farmworker dwelling. Small farmers and farmworkers will be the primary beneficiaries of the project.

EXEMPT STATUS: Exempt under Sections 15183 and 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The County Code revisions pertaining to Employee Housing Act permitting are administrative updates that will not result in a direct or indirect change to the environment and are therefore not a project subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The proposed amendments to the County Zoning Code to reduce agricultural use thresholds implementing Housing Element Subprogram 15g are deemed exempt under Section 15183 of the CEQA Guidelines. Staff determined that the proposed revisions are consistent with the development density analyzed in the certified General Plan 2020 environmental impact report (EIR). Further, there are no project-specific impacts associated with the text changes to the County Code. There are no project impacts that were not analyzed in the General Plan 2020 EIR as significant effects. There are also no potentially significant offsite and/or cumulative impacts that the General Plan 2020 EIR failed to analyze. There is no substantive new information that would result in more severe impacts than were previously analyzed or anticipated by the General Plan 2020 EIR.

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

This notice was posted on 10/13/2025
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days
through 11/13/2025

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Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: *[Signature]*
Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy Clerk



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

RECEIPT NUMBER:
49-10132025-401

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF SONOMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/13/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-1013-03	

PROJECT TITLE
AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING ZONING CODE UPDATE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY OF SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-1391
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)	\$4,123.50	\$	
☐ 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
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Julio Montes Lopez, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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