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Project Location: County: Sonoma City/Nearest Community: Countywide

Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____

Total Acres: _____ Jobs: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____

Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____

Airports: _____ Schools: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:





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 provided 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.

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