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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:**

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# 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):

<b>Project Title:</b> ORD21-0001 Modernizing Tree and Woodland Protections	To:	County Clerk- Recorder Office	Office of Planning and Research
<b>Public Agency:</b> Sonoma County		County of Sonoma	
<b>Project Applicant:</b> Permit Sonoma		585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103	P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
<b>Applicant Address:</b> 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95403		Santa Rosa, CA 95403	Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
<b>Project Location:</b> Countywide			
<b>Date of Approval:</b> 4/30/2024			

## 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, Tree Protection Ordinance, Riparian Corridor Ordinance, and Minor and Major Timberland Conversion Ordinances.

The updates to the Tree Protection Ordinance include expanding the applicability of the ordinance, establishing a permitting process for projects subject to the ordinance and providing updated mitigation options. Updates to the Riparian Corridor Ordinance and Minor and Major Timberland Conversion Ordinances include minor technical revisions to reflect current policy and practice that increase tree protections. 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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