



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Sonoma County proposes to carry out the following project. Pursuant to Section 23A-11 of the Sonoma County Code, it has been determined that this project is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Amendments to Chapter 13 of the Fire Safe Standards

Project Number: N/A

Lead Agency / County Agency of Filing: Sonoma County

Project Proponent (Applicant): Permit Sonoma Fire Prevention

Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue

Project Location: Countywide

Date of Approval: August 11, 2020

Exemption Filed With: Sonoma County Clerk

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The County's fire safe standards ordinance was most recently certified by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board of Forestry) in 2017. On January 1, 2020, and again on July 27, 2020, the Board of Forestry updated its regulations. When the Board of Forestry updates its regulations, counties must submit their local ordinance for re-certification. The Board of Forestry staff reviewed the County's proposed fire safe standards ordinance, and made one request: the Board of Forestry staff recommended the ordinance clarify the County's current practices for fire safety evaluation of existing roads serving legal parcels. The proposed ordinance incorporates the clarifications requested. The Board of Forestry staff have reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance and have determined that in Board of Forestry staff's opinion, the proposed ordinance satisfies the Board of Forestry's request. Once the proposed ordinance is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Forestry is expected to consider the ordinance and Board of Forestry staff's recommendation on September 22-24.

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed project is exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that the project (ordinance) will have no significant impact on the environment. It will involve no construction or any other activity that could physically change the environment.

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

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