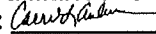


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NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

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):

Project Title: Ch 40 & 40A Extension; ZCE21-0015

Public Agency: Sonoma County

Project Location: Unincorporated Sonoma County

Date of Approval: December 14, 2021

To:

County Clerk- Recorder Office Office of Planning and
County of Sonoma Research

585 Fiscal Drive, Room 103 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Santa Rosa, CA 95403 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed project is an Urgency Ordinance to Amend and Extend Sonoma County Code Chapters 40 (Sonoma Complex Fire Disaster Recovery) and 40A (Kincade Fire Disaster Recovery).

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemptions, 15301-15303 and 153085 (Existing Facilities; Replacement or Reconstruction; New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures; Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations)

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

California Code of Regulations, title 14 ("CEQA Guidelines") §15301 exempts the maintenance, operation and/or permitting of existing facilities. This ordinance allows existing dwellings on agricultural parcels, existing guest houses and residential accessory structures, and recreational vehicles to continue to be used as interim housing for displaced persons, for a limited time period and subject to the standards and requirements in Chapters 40 and 40A and applicable permits. This ordinance also extends Chapter 40 and 40A provisions allowing year-round occupancy of existing seasonal and extended seasonal farmworker housing, during the effective period of Chapters 40 and 40A.

CEQA Guidelines §15302 exempts projects involving replacement or reconstruction of existing structures on the same site and having substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This ordinance would modify and extend those existing provisions of Chapters 40 and 40A related to reconstruction of legal nonconforming uses and structures and to use of ministerial design standards to residential reconstruction in scenic landscape units.

CEQA Guidelines §15303 exempts the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another. This ordinance would allow existing legally permitted guest houses, pool houses, and other habitable residential accessory structures to be rented to displaced persons on an interim basis until Chapters 40 and 40A expire. It also allows interim residential use of certain existing visitor-serving uses, including marketing accommodations, farmstays, bed and breakfast inns, resorts, retreats and camps, until Chapters 40 and 40A expire.

CEQA Guidelines §15305 exempts minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20% which do not result in any changes in land use or density. Allowing existing seasonal and extended seasonal farmworker housing to be occupied year-round until the expiration of Chapters 40 and 40A is a temporary change in land use limitations that does not change land use or density. This ordinance's provisions governing reconstruction of legal nonconforming residential structures and use of ministerial design standards

to review of applications to rebuild residential structures also do not change land use or density. Similarly, allowing existing farm family dwellings, marketing accommodations, farmstays, bed and breakfast inns, resorts, retreats and camps to be used for interim housing does not change land use or density; residential use of these facilities is temporary and the permitted land use does not change. In all cases, these temporary allowances for housing would expire on or before the expiration date of Chapters 40 and 40A.

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

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