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NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department



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: Public Right of Way Special
Events Ordinance

Public Agency: Sonoma County

Project Applicant: Permit and Resource
Management Department (Permit Sonoma)

Applicant Address:

2550 Ventura Ave
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Date of Approval: 10/25/2022

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 is an ordinance to amend Sonoma County Code Chapter 15, Article VI "Procedure or the Permitting of Special Events" in the public right of way to (1) remove a permit exemption for certain bicycle events over 250 participants, (2) create new standards for exempt bicycling events with between 100 and 250 riders, (3) allow for persons to apply at one time for certain multiple future events, (4) allow for applications filed more than one year and less than five years in advance of the event, and (5) establish a discretionary permit model allowing tailored conditions to address safety and other issues. The ordinance amending Chapter 15 would be enacted pursuant to authority granted by Section 21101(e) of the California Vehicle Code and Section 942.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, to permit the use of the public right-of-way for special events and to allow the closure of roads in the county for the purpose of conducting special events. Examples of special events include but are not limited to walkathons, runs, marathons, trail rides, bicycle races or rides, fairs, celebrations, parades and other similar activities.

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption(s). Section 15301 for Existing Facilities, and Section 15323 For Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings.

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Adoption of the proposed ordinance to amend Sonoma County Code Chapter 15, Article VI "Procedure or the Permitting of Special Events" in the public right of way is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and provisions of Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations, Section II, pursuant to the categorical exemptions 14 CCR Sections §§ 15323, 15301, and 15061(b)(3), as an action that regulates the normal operation of existing public facilities (public rights of way) for public gatherings, where public rights of way have a past history over at least the last three years, and traditionally much longer, of being used for the same or similar public events, assemblies, and gatherings, and where there is no reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of events would represent a change in the scope of the historic use of the public right of way under § 15323; where the operation, use, minor alteration, and permitting of existing public facilities (existing highways, streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar public right of way facilities), for public right of way special events represents no or negligible expansion of existing or former use of the public right of way for events, which have been regularly and traditionally held in Sonoma County's public rights of way for many years under §15301; and where the regulation of special events in the right of way is being strengthened and clarified through the action and is a project where it can be seen with certainty that

there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment under the common sense exemption, §15061(b)(3). Discretionary applications for public right of way special events under the amended ordinance must comply with CEQA, unless exempt. 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Richard Stabler

Richard Stabler, Permit and Resource Management Department

Natural Resources Section

(707) 565-8352



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 49-10252022-449
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY SONOMA COUNTY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/25/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 22-1025-03	

PROJECT TITLE
PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-1900
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) \$3,539.25 \$ _____
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,548.00 \$ _____
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,203.25 \$ _____

- 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 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Julianna Garfia, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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