

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): County of Sonoma
Permit Sonoma Department, Fire Prevention Division
2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

County Clerk

County of: Sacramento

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma County Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2023 Update

Project Applicant: County of Sonoma, Permit Sonoma, Fire Prevention Division

Project Location - Specific:

County of Sonoma - Countywide

Project Location - City: Countywide

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The CWPP is a collaboratively developed wildfire protection planning document that provides information on the County's residents, wildfire history, house outwards risk reduction strategies, wildfire preparedness, and local ecosystems. The CWPP further applies a Wildfire Risk Index throughout the County, and presents broad goals and objectives for wildfire risk reduction, and a community-driven Risk Reduction Priorities list that agencies and community groups can use to develop community education and fuel reduction projects and allows those projects to receive additional consideration for grant funding from various federal and state grant programs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Sonoma

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Permit Sonoma Department, Fire Prevention Division

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15060(c) (no project), 15378 (no project), and 15262 (planning studies)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Cal. Pub. Res. Code Sections 21065

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because adopting the CWPP will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because it is not a project as defined in CEQA Guidelines section 15378, as it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly. Additionally, or alternatively, the CWPP is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262, which exempts feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report or negative declaration provided environmental factors are considered. The CWPP provides recommendations for potential future actions and information to plan, assess, and prioritize wildfire prevention and preparation activities, including public education and fuel reduction projects, and enables such activities to be eligible for State and federal funding. The CWPP does not commit the County or any other entity to any particular course of action. Future activities are contingent upon motivated project proponents, available funding, and review and approval by the authorizing jurisdiction. Any activities that are recommended or included in the CWPP Project Entry Portal or Project List may be modified or denied in their entirety. If any wildfire prevention and preparation activities are later undertaken, the public agencies authorizing such activities will be required to comply with CEQA, as applicable.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Steve Mosiurchak, Sonoma County Fire Marshal

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 565-2361

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: May 10, 2023 Title: Sonoma County Fire Marshal

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: