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Doc No.49-05112023-182 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: Sonoma County Community
Wildfire Protection Plan 2023

Public Agency: County of Sonoma

Project Applicant: Permit Sonoma
Department, Fire Prevention Division

Applicant Address: 2550 Ventura Avenue,
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Project Location: Countywide

Date of Approval: May 9, 2023

To:

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DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

The proposed project is the acceptance and signing of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). 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.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemption. Cal. Pub. Res. Code Sections 21065

Categorical Exemptions. CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) (no project), 15378 (no project), and 15262 (planning studies)

REASON WHY THIS PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Administrative Code, Section 15060(c), 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.

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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