



**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**PROJECT TITLE:** Forever Forestville Conservation Easement Second Amendment

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 6708 Highway 116, Forestville, CA 95436

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space) is amending the Forever Forestville Conservation Easement to reconfigure the Building Envelope due to its discovery of jurisdictional wetlands within the Building Envelope..

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Sonoma County  
Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District  
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
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- Ministerial** (Section 21080(b)(1); Section 15268)
- Declared Emergency** (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project** (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption** (Section 21080.28 - Preserve Natural Conditions)
- Statutory Exemption**

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

The Second Amendment is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 and following) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.28(a)(1)(A), (B) and (F) and Section 15325(a), (c) and (f) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempt from CEQA the acquisition, sale, or other transfer of interest in land by a public agency for the preservation of natural conditions existing at the time of acquisition, the restoration of natural conditions including plant and animal habitats, and the preservation of open space or lands for park purposes. Alternatively, it is exempt pursuant to Section 15317 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, because the purpose of the Second Amendment is to maintain the open space character of the area.

THIS NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IS BEING FILED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT.

  
Misti Arias (May 24, 2023 11:09 PDT)

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