



CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

- To: **County Clerk**
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1260
Ventura, CA 93009
- Office of Planning and Research**
1440 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Only if State discretionary approval is required)
- From: **County of Ventura**
RMA, Planning Division
800 South Victoria Ave., L#1740
Ventura, CA 93009

A. Project Description:

1. **Entitlement:** Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and General Plan Amendment; Case No. PL24-0027
2. **Applicant's Name:** County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
3. **Applicant's Address:** 800 S. Victoria Avenue, L#1740, Ventura, CA 93009
4. **Location:** All non-coastal parcels in the unincorporated area of Ventura County zoned Agricultural Exclusive (AE), Open Space (OS) and Rural Agricultural (RA).
5. **Project Title:** Locally Grown Food Processing Ordinance (Ordinance 4632) and Related General Plan Amendment (Resolution 24-079)
6. **Project Description:** The project consists of amending Articles 5 and 7 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (NCZO) to allow and establish regulations for the processing of locally grown food up to a maximum of 12 acres countywide in the Open Space (OS), Agricultural Exclusive (AE), and Rural Agricultural (RA) to be consistent with provisions of the County's Save Open-Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR) Ordinance and amending the Ventura County General Plan Economic Vitality Element to add a new policy (EV-2.3) to make consistent with the related NCZO.

B. Lead Agency Contact:

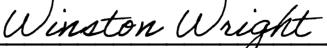
1. **Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Ventura, Resource Management Agency, Planning Division
2. **Contact Person:** Franca A. Rosengren, Case Planner
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- C. Exempt Status:** Categorical Exemptions, CEQA sections 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities), 15303 (Class 3, Small Structures) and 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).
- D. Justification for Exemption:** The Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance text amendment and related General Plan Amendment are exempt from the CEQA pursuant to the following CEQA Guidelines sections: (1) 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities) because the project involves the potential use of existing facilities, (2) 15303 (Class 3, Small Structures) because the project involves the potential use new, small facilities or structures or the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another, (3) 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land) because the project involves the potential minor alterations in the condition of land and/or vegetation, and (4) that no unusual circumstances or other exceptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 precludes use of these categorical exemptions.

Project Approval: June 4, 2024

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