

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
  
County Clerk  
County of: Sonoma  
585 Fiscal Dr., Ste 103  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma County  
Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures  
133 Aviation Blvd., Ste 110, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
  
(Address)

Project Title: Permit ACO24-0058

Project Applicant: Kirby Hock, Geysers Peak LLC, PO Box 2707, San Anselmo, CA 94979

Project Location - Specific: 8300 Geysers Rd.

Project Location - City: Geyserville Project Location - County Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is to develop 3.01 acres of orchard. The applicant does not seek changes in the ministerial standards set in Chapter 36 of the Sonoma County Code and the Best Management Practices and Technical Report Guidelines for New Vineyard and Orchard Development, Vineyard and Orchard Replanting, and Agricultural Grading and Drainage (VESCO).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Kirby Hock, Geysers Peak LLC

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

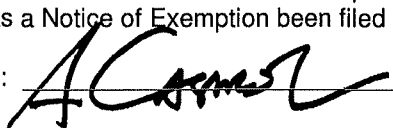
Reasons why project is exempt:

The review of permit applications and the issuance of permits pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Sonoma County Code are ministerial actions, except in one situation not applicable here. The Sonoma County Agricultural Commissioner has verified that this vineyard site development meets the ministerial criteria for approval set forth in Sonoma County Code 36.02.070.A.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Andy Casarez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 565-2371

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:  Date: 08/12/2024 Title: AVCC

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk**  
BY:   
**Bryant Hill, Deputy Clerk**

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