

# 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 Drive, #103F

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): County of Sonoma

2550 Ventura Avenue

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

(Address)

Project Title: Sonoma County General Plan 2020 Environmental Justice Element

Project Applicant: County of Sonoma

Project Location - Specific:

Unincorporated areas of Sonoma County

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is a General Plan amendment to incorporate a new Environmental Justice Element into the Sonoma County General Plan 2020. The Environmental Justice Element identifies low-income areas with disproportionate environmental burden, called Environmental Justice Communities, and establishes new goals, policies, and programs to advance health in those areas and across the unincorporated County. Policies and programs address pollution exposure, access to public facilities and healthy food options, community public health, safe living conditions, and civic engagement in public decision-making processes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Sonoma

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Sonoma

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Common Sense (Guidelines Sec. 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

The adoption of a new Environmental Justice Element for the Sonoma County General Plan is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the common sense exemption) because CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Environmental Justice Element is a programmatic document that will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment or approval of any development project. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed general plan amendment will result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Katrina Braehmer

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 565-1903

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: Katrina Braehmer Date: August 13, 2025 Title: Katrina Braehmer, Supervising Planner

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

This notice was posted on 08/15/2025  
and will remain posted for a period of thirty days  
through 09/15/2025

Doc No.49-08152025-325

Deva Marie Proto, County Clerk

BY: Carrie Anderson  
Carrie Anderson, Deputy Clerk



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
49-08152025-325

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY COUNTY OF SONOMA	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 08/15/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SONOMA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 25-0815-01	

PROJECT TITLE  
SONOMA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN 2020 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME COUNTY OF SONOMA	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (707) 565-1903
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 2550 VENTURA AVENUE	CITY SANTA ROSA	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95403

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☐ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee  
    ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)  
    ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$ _____ \$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$ _____

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash    ☐ Credit    ☐ Check    ☒ Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00

SIGNATURE

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Carrie Anderson, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder