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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT "D"

TO: ☑ Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Watsonville
Community Development Dept.
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

FILE NO.: PP2026-10728

Project Title: Elkhorn Slough Brewing LLC dba Buena Vista Brewing Company

Project Location - Specific: 65 Hangar Way

Project Location - City: Watsonville **Project Location - County:** Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Special Use Permit (#PP2026-10728) to allow a change of ownership of an existing type 23 ABC license for an existing microbrewery with a 780-square-foot tasting room

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Elkhorn Slough Brewing LLC

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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: Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is exempt as a Class 1 Categorical Exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301). The project is proposing a change of ownership of an existing type 23 ABC license for an existing microbrewery with a 780-square-foot tasting room allowing the on-site consumption of beer at an existing microbrewery, which involves negligible or no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Orbach **Telephone:** 831-768-3074

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: Signed by: Matt Orbach CF4040B1FD254AD... **Date:** 10/7/2026 | 4:09 PM PDT **Title :** CDD Director

☑ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code