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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Rm. 310
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

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Project Title: Hazardous Tree Removal for the Peavine Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD)

Project Location - Specific:

West of Big Basin Highway along the midslope of Ben Lomond Mountain.

Project Location - City: Bracken Brae Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The SLVWD watershed and water system were severely impacted and damaged by the CZU Lightning Complex Wildfire in 2020, including the Peavine pipeline. Approximately 520 trees were identified as hazardous and requiring removal along the 1.3-mile stretch of the Peavine pipeline. SLVWD has contracted the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to complete the hazardous tree removal. The project includes construction of a 1500 ft trail for CCC crews to access the remote pipeline.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SLVWD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SLVWD and CCC

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 hazardous trees pose a threat to downhill users and prevents SLVWD from replacing the Peavine pipeline to restore water service. The project meets the requirements of Sec. 21080(b) (4) Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency; and Sec. 21080(b)(2) Emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Chris Klier Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 430-4638

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: 5/21/24 Title: Environmental Planner I

■ 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

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