

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
Notice of Exemption

NOE 060-25

To: ☒ Clerk of the Board
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From: City of Santa Cruz Water Department, 212 Locust Street, Suite C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: Intertie Orthophosphate Feed System

Project Address: 4125 Soquel Drive, Soquel, CA 95073

Assessor's Parcel No.: 03034112

Project Location: Soquel (unincorporated Santa Cruz County)

County of: Santa Cruz

Project Description: The project consist of installation of an orthophosphate feed system at the O'Neill Intertie, which provides connectivity between the water systems of the City of Santa Cruz Water Department and Soquel Creek Water District. The City plans to install orthophosphate feed systems at all existing groundwater sources in the Live Oak area to improve distribution system water quality. The small skid-mounted system including pump and 40-gallon storage tank will be installed within the existing block house at the O'Neill Intertie. A spill containment pallet with leak detection and remote monitoring will also be installed. No expansion of capacity would result from the installation of this water quality control system.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Exempt Status: (check one)

- _____ Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
_____ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
_____ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
_____ x Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15303 and Sec. 15301);
_____ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

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PERIOD COMMENCING 5/14 / 2025
AND ENDING 6/17 / 2025

Reasons why project is exempt: Project involves installation of small new equipment in an existing small structure, qualifying for a Class 3 exemption. Project is also consistent with a Class 1 exemption as it is a minor alteration to a public facility with no expansion of existing use. Furthermore, the project meets none of the exception criteria for Class 3 and Class 1 exemptions including: being located in a particularly sensitive location (applicable to Class 3 only), resulting in cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place, having a reasonable possibility of a significant effect, causing damage to scenic resources within a State scenic highway, being located on a hazardous waste site, or causing a substantial change to a historical resource.

Contact Person: Heidi Luckenbach **Phone:** (831) 420-5214

Signature: Heidi Luckenbach **Date:** 5/13/2025

Title: Water Director ☒ Signed by Public Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

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