

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street, Room 520

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): 44-06172025-099
San Lorenzo Valley Water District

13060 CA-9 Boulder Creek, CA 95006

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

Project Title: Bennet Spring Raw Water Pipeline Replacement

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

082-25

Project Location - Specific:

South of Felton Empire Road

Project Location - City: Felton

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The 2020 CZU Lightning Complex wildfire and heavy wind storms in 2022/2023 destroyed portions of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's pipeline system which provides water to approximately 23,700 customers. The project would bury 1,690 feet of raw water main that is currently installed on the ground surface.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Chris Klier

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 Declared Emergency, Statutory Exemption 15269(a) applies to this project because it involves emergency repairs due to damages by the CZU Lightning Fire (Attachment A) (FEMA Disaster FM-5336-CA) in one area and damage caused by erosion and slope failures resulting from the winter 2022/2023 heavy winter storms (Attachment B) (FEMA Disaster DR-4683-CA). Both of these incidents were listed in proclamations of emergency declared by the governor. The project involves replacement or reconstruction of existing water utility pipelines.

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: Chris Klier Date: 6/12/25 Title: Environmental Programs Manager

■ 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.

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