

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): _____
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 CA-9 Boulder Creek, CA 95006

(Address)

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Project Title: 5-Mile Pipeline Tree Removal

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific:

Approx 1/2 m west of Hwy 9 between communities of Boulder Creek and Brookdale.

Project Location - City: Boulder Creek (unincorp) Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The 2020 CZU Lightning Complex wildfire destroyed portions of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's pipeline system which provides water to approximately 23,700 customers and damaged trees. This project would remove hazardous trees as a first step in replacing the pipeline.

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 caused by wildfires listed in a proclamation of emergency declared by the Governor (see Attachment A), pertaining to wildfires that were burning throughout the state including the CZU Lightning Fire (FEMA Disaster FM-5336-CA). This area was also affected by the 2022 winter storms (FEMA Disaster DR-4683-CA) which resulted in erosion. The project facilitates 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: 7/14/2025 Title: Environmental Programs & Special Projects 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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