

# Notice of Exemption

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

(Address)

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Project Title: Highland Tank Replacement Project

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific:

East side of Highland Drive, north of Debbie Drive

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replacement of temporary polyethylene water tanks, installed to replace original leaking redwood tank, with larger fire-resistant steel tank that provides increased water supply storage capacity and fire flows for the existing service area, with no expansion of service, to address ongoing drought and fire risk.

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 Emergency Project Statutory Exemption 15269(c) applies to this project because the project is being undertaken to prepare for and mitigate future emergencies similar to those that have occurred in the project vicinity in the past five years. In 2020, the CZU Lightning fire resulted in a declared emergency, and in 2021, a statewide emergency was declared due to drought (attached). The Exemption applies to projects that address events that have a reasonable probability of happening in the short-term.

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: 7/28/2025 Title: Environmental Programs Manager

■ 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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