

Notice of Exemption

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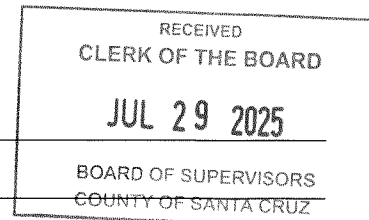
County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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

(Address)



Project Title: Olympia Watershed Invasive Plant Management

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Project Location - Specific:

About 0.3 miles south of Olympia Station Rd and 0.2 miles east of E Zayante Rd

Project Location - City: Felton (unincorporated) Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Activities to remove invasive French Broom (*Genista monspessulana*), Portuguese Broom (*Cytisus striatus*), and Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) resprouts will improve native habitat and reduce the risk of fire on the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's (SLVWD) Olympia Watershed property. The activities involve targeted removal of these invasive plants using hand labor. Removal will follow the guidelines in SLVWD's Invasive Brooms and Acacia Management Plan, Integrated Pest Management Policy, and USFWS endangered species recovery permit. Overall, the activities will have a positive impact on native habitat for rare, threatened, and endangered species.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

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: Section 15304, Class 4
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Activities to remove invasive species in areas previously treated will maintain native habitat and reduce fire danger. The activities will be managed to avoid effects on sensitive resources. These activities qualify for the Class 4 (Minor alterations of Land) categorical exemption as it involves minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation without the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Chris Klier Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-338-2153

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: 07/28/2025 Title: Environmental Programs and 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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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