

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street, Rm. 520

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 Highway 9

Boulder Creek, CA 95006

(Address)

Project Title: Big Steel Pump Station Fire Hardening

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD)

Project Location - Specific:

Approx 0.2 mi SSW of intersection of Hwy-236 and S Redwood Dr, Boulder Creek, CA

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will replace the District's Big Steel booster pump station's roof and walls with fire-resistant materials. The project involves demolition and removal of the existing wood-framed structure and reconstruction with reinforced concrete masonry unit (CMU) walls, a metal roof, and a perimeter grade beam to support the fire-resistant structure. Fire hardening this booster pump station will mitigate wildfire impacts and improve water supply reliability for the community.

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 15302, Class 2

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, Class 2 (c): Replacement or Reconstruction. The project involves replacement of an existing water facility where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. The project will occur within the facility's operational land footprint and site access is through an existing road. The project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Chris Klier
Contact Person: _____

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:  Date: 9/8/2026 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.

Date Received for filing at DPR: _____

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