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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 1/27/2026AND ENDING 3/3/2026

Project Name: Ratification of Ordinances amending the Fire Codes for Ben Lomond FPD, Boulder Creek FPD, Central FPD, Pajaro Valley FPD, Zayante FPD, and Felton FPD for the purpose of adopting the 2025 California Fire Code with local amendments

Project Location: Countywide

Assessor Parcel No.: Not applicable

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz

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Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Paola Echeverria Telephone No. (831) 454-2709

Date Completed: 12/1/2025

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on December 16, 2025 and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (check one)

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

- Categorical Exemption**

Reasons why the project is exempt:

Ratification of these ordinance amendments is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the State codes with local amendments may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

None of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Signed by:

Signature: Paola Echeverria
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Title: Departmental Admin. Analyst

Date: December 16, 2025