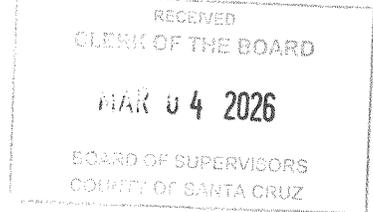


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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 018-26

The Santa Cruz County Planning Division has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.



Application Number: 251323
Assessor Parcel Number: 043-095-30
Project Location: 343 Beach Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

Project Description: Proposal to recognize the construction of approximately 45 linear feet of 8-foot-tall concrete retaining wall and approximately 48 linear feet of 4-foot-tall debris wall behind an existing single-family dwelling. Requires a Coastal Development Permit.

Person or Agency Proposing Project: Johnette Besseling

Contact Phone Number: (831) 425-3901

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

Specify type: Class 3 - New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303)

F. Reasons why the project is exempt:

Construction of a residential accessory structure (retaining wall) in an area designated for residential uses.

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Signed by:
Michael Lam
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Michael Lam, Project Planner

Date: 1/16/2026

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