

# Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: 3500 Paul Sweet Road

Project Applicant: Clay Toombs for Workbench

Project Location - Specific:  
3500 Paul Sweet Rd, Santa Cruz, CA 95065

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Proposal to construct 105 units within a six-story multifamily building. The project includes a 32.5-percent Density Bonus in exchange for the provision of six affordable units (comprised of six Extremely Low (ELI) units). Requires approval of a Site Development Permit pursuant to SB 330 and Builder's Remedy (Gov. Code § 65589.5) and Density Bonus pursuant to Government Code Section 65915.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz [deemed approval pursuant to Gov. Code § 65956(b)]

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sweet Developments LLC

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: Public Resources Code § 21080.66 and/or ministerial § 21080(b)(1)

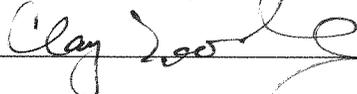
Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets the qualifications for a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.66. Tribal notification was conducted for the requisite 60-day period from August 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 pursuant to PRC Section 21080.66(b).

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Jonathan DiSalvo Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-454-3157

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: March 3, 2026 Title: Sr. Development Mgr.

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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