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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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The Santa Cruz County Planning Department 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: 261079

Assessor Parcel Number: NO_APN_SPEC

Project Location: The project is located within property owned by the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, immediately adjacent to the existing railroad tracks where they cross Rodeo Gulch.

Project Description: Minor temporary vegetation mowing to reduce ground cover and facilitate installation of a line of geophones to conduct a shear wave seismic refraction survey for the County Rail Trail Project.

Person or Agency Proposing Project: Santa Cruz County Parks c/o Rob Tidmore

Contact Phone Number: (831) 454-7947

- 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).

Specify type:

E. **Categorical Exemption**

Specify type: Class 4 - 15304 Minor Alterations to Land

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F. Reasons why the project is exempt:

Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The temporary vegetation mowing will have negligible or no permanent effect on the environment.

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

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Date: 3/19/2026