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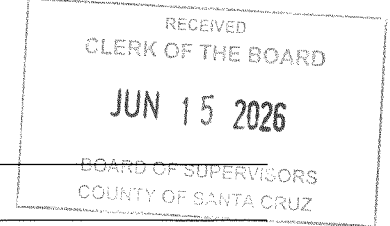
Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Rm. 310
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

(Address)



Project Title: Peavine Water Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD)

Project Location - Specific:

West of Big Basin Highway along the midslope of Ben Lomond Mountain.

Project Location - City: Bracken Brae Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The SLVWD watershed and water system were severely impacted and damaged by the CZU Lightning Complex Wildfire in 2020, including the Peavine pipeline. The Peavine Water Pipeline Replacement Project (project) involves replacement of the approximately 1.2-mile-long Peavine pipeline with new HDPE pipe.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SLVWD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: SLVWD

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: (Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under State CEQA Guidelines section 15302(c) (Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction) because it consists of replacing an existing water pipeline that was damaged in a wildfire, and the replacement would involve negligible or no expansion of capacity of the existing utility system. Based on the technical studies and supporting record, the project would not result in significant environmental impacts, and no exception to the use of a categorical exemption has been identified.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Chris Klier 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: *Chris Klier* Date: 6/15/2026 Title: Environmental Programs Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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