

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.

Assessor Parcel Number: 086-021-06, 086-021-07, 086-021-08

Project Location: Vicinity of 26800 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA, 95006

Project Description: Reconstruct a 3,600-foot, 1-inch diameter PVC supply line and install four 5,000-gallon polyethylene tanks to existing diversion point in Little Boulder Creek to supply existing Waterman Gap water system serving 10 residences and approximately 15 residents.

The system is currently supplied with water from an unnamed creek, with supplemental water provided by two wells. The supply creek flow is currently insufficient to meet the demands of the system and both wells have limited production capacity.

The water system has existing riparian water rights to Little Boulder Creek and will be using the diversion as a supplemental surface water source.

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- 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**

Class 1 Existing Facilities. The repair, maintenance, permitting, and minor alteration of an existing private water system, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The existing facility is a private utility used to provide public utility services (water) to 10 residences and to ensure dust suppression on a private dirt and gravel road infrastructure.

F. Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project will transfer the intake for the system from one established intake location to another on adjacent un-named tributaries to Pescadero Creek. Both diversions are previously existing and permitted. No expansion of system capacity or water use will result from this project.

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

Staff Planner: DocuSigned by:
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Date: October 16, 2023

AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 1/4/2024
AND ENDING 2/3/2024