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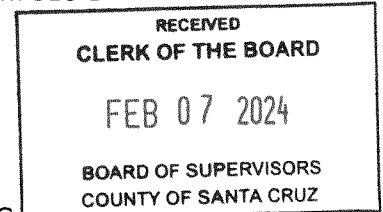
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**Notice of Exemption**

To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento CA 95814

From: (Public Agency)  
Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission  
701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

To:  Clerk of the Board  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz CA 95060



**Project Title:** Service and Sphere of Influence Review for the City of Santa Cruz

**Project Location:** The City of Santa Cruz was incorporated as a town in 1866 and as a city in 1876. At present, the city encompasses approximately 12 square miles with a population of approximately 64,000. The City is located on the northern part of the Monterey Bay approximately 74 miles south of San Francisco and 30 miles west of San Jose. A vicinity map depicting the City's jurisdictional and sphere boundaries is attached (refer to **Attachment A**).

**Project Location City:** Santa Cruz  
**Project Location County:** Santa Cruz County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The report is for use by the Local Agency Formation Commission in conducting a statutorily required review and update process. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act requires that the Commission conduct periodic reviews and updates of spheres of influence of all cities and districts in Santa Cruz County (Government Code section 56425). It also requires LAFCO to conduct a review of municipal services before adopting sphere updates (Government Code section 56430). Santa Cruz LAFCO has prepared a municipal service review, and sphere of influence update for the City of Santa Cruz. The purpose of the report is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public services by the agency, in accordance with the statutory requirements outlined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County. The LAFCO public hearing on this proposal is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 7, 2024.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission

**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
- Other: The activity is not a project subject to CEQA.

THIS PROJECT IS NOT A PROJECT SUBJECT TO CEQA  
DATE OF DETERMINATION 2/7/24  
AND DURING 3/10/24

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The LAFCO action does not change the services or the planned service area of the City. There is no possibility that the activity may have a significant impact on the environment--State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

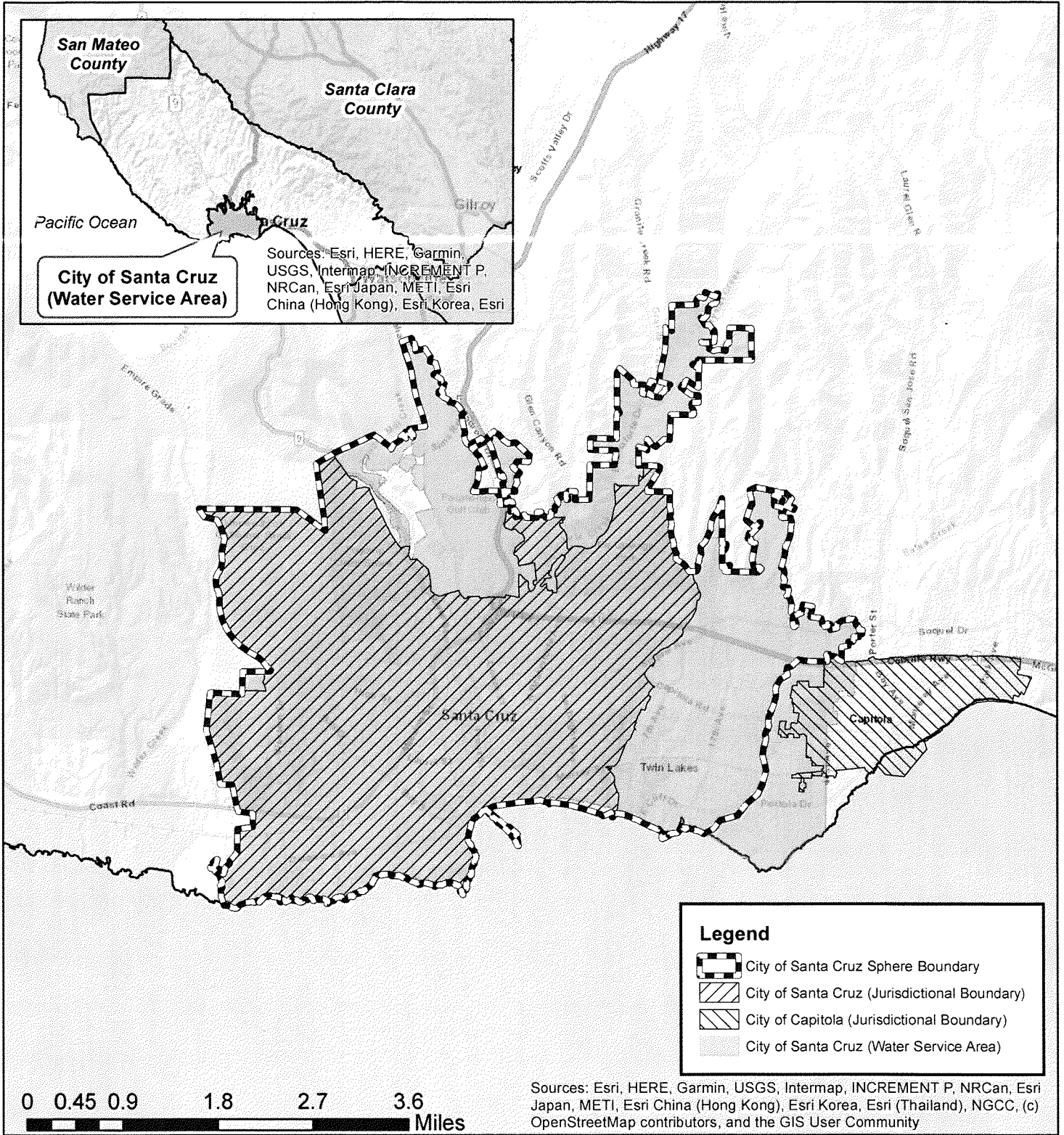
**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Joe A. Serrano

**Area Code/Phone Extension:** 831-454-2055

**Signature:**   
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

**Date:** February 7, 2024

Signed by Lead Agency



# City of Santa Cruz Jurisdictional and Sphere Boundaries

Original sphere adopted on August 3, 1983  
 Sphere amendment on January 9, 2019  
 Sphere reaffirmed on October 13, 2021  
 Sphere amendment on August 3, 2022  
 Sphere reaffirmed on February 7, 2024



Vicinity map created on 12/12/23