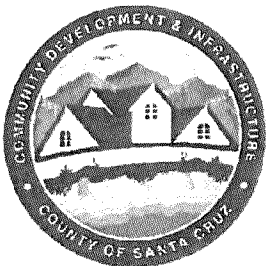


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# County of Santa Cruz

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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Matt Machado, Deputy CAO, Director of Community Development and Infrastructure

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**Project Name:** An Ordinance Enacting and Amending District Code Titles 2 and 5 Related to "Rate Setting," "Sewer Service Charges," and "Billing and Collection"

**Project Location:** District Wide

**Assessor Parcel No.:** N/A

**Project Applicant:** Santa Cruz County Sanitation District

**Project Description:** This proposal involves amending various sections of the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.04, Section 2.04.150 "Rate Setting," Title 5, Chapter 5.04, Article III "Sewer Service Charges," Section 5.04.160, Enacting Section 5.04.170, and amending Section 5.04.180 through Section 5.04.225, and Title 5, Chapter 5.04, Article IV "Billing And Collection," Section 5.04.290. To consolidate the rate setting process, District staff recommends amending the District code to allow rates to be set by resolution instead of ordinance. This amendment would allow for increased administrative efficiency in the rate setting process, while continuing to fulfill legal requirements set forth for in California Health and Safety Code Section 5473. The proposed amendments do not involve potential direct or indirect changes to the environment.

**Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Cruz

**County Contact:** Ashleigh Trujillo **Telephone No.** (831) 454- 2384

**Date Completed:** 12/18/2023

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: *(check one)*

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

- Categorical Exemption**

### Reasons why the project is exempt:

This ordinance is not an action which has potential for resulting in either direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Signature: Juliette Robinson Date: 12/18/2023 Title: Resource Planner IV

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