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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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AND ENDING 09/13 2024

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**Project Name:** 2022-2023 Storm Damage Repair Local State of Emergency

**Project Location:** County-wide; documented sites listed in Attachment A

**Assessor Parcel No.:** Public ROW and various construction easements where necessary

**Project Applicant:** Santa Cruz County Department of Community Development & Infrastructure - Public Works

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves repair of Santa Cruz County public roadways and associated drainage systems that were damaged during the during the 2022/2023 Atmospheric Rivers Storm event that occurred throughout December 2022, January 2023, and March 2023. During these storm events, heavy rainfall created large amounts of runoff that resulted in flooding, mudslides, erosion, and extensive damage to roadways and associated drainage systems throughout Santa Cruz County. In response to these storms, Governor Gavin Newsom declared an emergency proclamation for Santa Cruz County on January 4, 2023. On January 10, 2023, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions proclaiming local emergencies for the December 2022 and January 2023 Storm events. Additionally, on January 14, 2023, President Joseph R. Biden approved a Disaster Declaration which included Santa Cruz County and ordered Federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts. Continued storm events in March resulted in a subsequent emergency declaration from the Governor made on March 8th, 2023. Each storm damage location requires specific repair activities for the type and extent of damage sustained. Site-specific conditions such as topography, geotechnical constraints, hydrologic conditions, biological concerns, public safety, and proximity to aquatic features are taken into consideration during site specific design and construction. Additional information about the locations and descriptions of each storm damage site is included in Attachment A.

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

**County Contact:** Timothy Bailey Telephone No. 831-454-2160

**Date Completed:** 3/23/2023

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.
- Categorical Exemption**
- Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).  
Specify type: **15269 (a)(b)(c)**

### Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves multiple repairs to restore or replace existing public roadways and associated infrastructure necessary to maintain services essential to the public health, safety and welfare, and specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate additional emergencies. On January 4, 2023 and March 8th, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom declared emergency proclamations for Santa Cruz County. This project will repair various failures that occurred during, and as a result of, these emergencies.

Signature:  Date: 3/23/2023 Title: Resource Planner IV