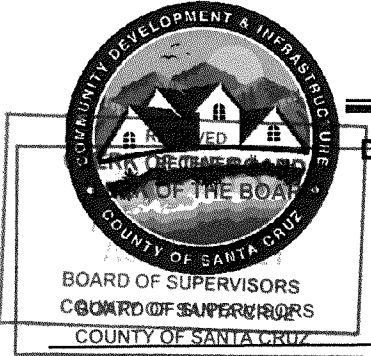


County of Santa Cruz



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PERIOD COMMENCING 8/8/2024

AND ENDING 9/13/2024

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

Project Name: 2024 Storm Damage Repair Local State of Emergency
Project Location: County-wide
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 roadways and their associated drainage systems that were damaged during the severe winter storms that occurred during the months of January, February, and March of 2024. 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 storm events, Governor Gavin Newsom declared three state-wide emergency proclamations inclusive of Santa Cruz County; dated January 23, 2024, February 4, 2024, and May 3, 2024. On February 15, 2024, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions proclaiming local emergencies for the January 31, 2024 and February 3 and 4 Atmospheric Rivers Winter Storm events. Additionally, on April 13, 2024 President Joseph R. Biden approved a Disaster Declaration which included Santa Cruz County, and ordered Federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts. 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: 8/6/2024

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. In January, February and May 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom declared emergency proclamations for Santa Cruz County. This project will repair various failures that occurred during, and as a result of, that emergency.

Signature: _____ Date: 8/6/2024 Title: Resource Planner IV