

County of Santa Cruz

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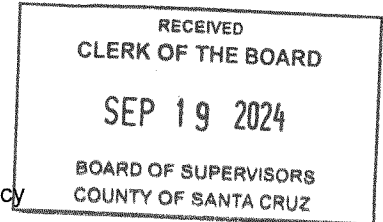
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
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Project Name: December 2021 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 Atmospheric River Winter Storms that occurred during the month of December, 2021. During multiple storm events beginning December 13, 2021 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, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution proclaiming a local emergency for the month of December 2021. On December 30, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a state-wide emergency proclamation inclusive of Santa Cruz County.

Attached is a comprehensive list of storm damage sites that occurred during the December 2021 Atmospheric River Winter Storm event. These sites were documented during or immediately following the storms as County crews worked to conduct emergency operations to prevent further damage and keep roads open. This list describes the damage at each site and provides a description of the recommended action to repair the damage.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz
County Contact: Michael Sapunor **Telephone No.** 831-454-2160
Date Completed: 9/18/2024

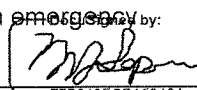
This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

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 permissive 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 December, 2021 Governor Gavin Newsom declared an emergency proclamation inclusive of Santa Cruz County. This project will repair various failures that occurred as a result of the storm emergency.

Signature:  Date: 9/18/2024 Title: Resource Planner

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING 09/19/2024 AND ENDING 10/24/2024