

**Notice of Exemption**

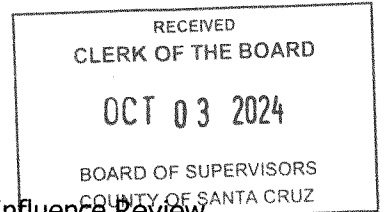
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To:  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
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From: (Public Agency)  
Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission  
701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

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



**Project Title:** Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Service and Sphere of Influence Review

**Project Location:** The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District was founded as an independent special district in 1972 to preserve the regional greenbelt in northwestern Santa Clara County. In accordance with its principal act, MROSD may be located within multiple counties as long as the lands are contiguous (Public Resource Code Section 5502[a]). The District encompasses over 550 square miles of territory located in the County of Santa Clara, the County of San Mateo, and the County of Santa Cruz. A vicinity map depicting the District's service and sphere boundaries is attached (**Attachment A**).

**Project Location City:** N/A

**Project Location County:** San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties

**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 District. The purpose of the report is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public services by the District, 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 October 2, 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.

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**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).

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

**Date:** October 3, 2024

Signed by Lead Agency