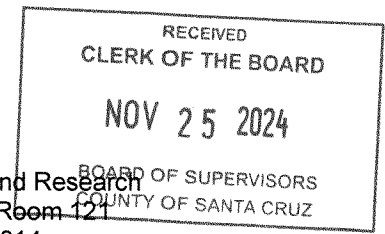


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CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
Notice of Exemption



To: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Cruz
Governmental Center
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Santa Cruz Water Department, 212 Locust Street, Suite C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: Union/Locust Backup Generator Project

Project Address: 212 Locust Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Assessor's
Parcel No.: 005-047-22

City of: Santa Cruz

County of: Santa Cruz

Project Description:

The Santa Cruz Water Department is proposing to install a backup power supply at the Union/Locust Building, located at two addresses 212 Locust Street and 117 Union Street, Assessor's Parcel Number 005-047-22. The proposed project would relocate and install an existing 100-kW natural gas generator and automatic transfer switch from another City-owned facility to the Union/Locust Building. The proposed project consists of the demolition of the existing concrete pad, construction of a new concrete pad, and installation of a backup power supply generator. The generator would be installed behind an existing gate, in an area currently used for storage. Additional ground disturbing Project elements may include minimal digging outside the existing concrete pad.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); 14 Cal Code Regs §15268).
- Categorically Exempt (14 Cal Code Regs §15300 et seq.).
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); 14 Cal Code Regs §15269(a)).
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); 14 Cal Code Regs §15269(b)(c)).
- Statutory Exemption (Code/Section N/A).
- The project clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal Code Regs §15061(b)(3)).

Reasons why project is exempt: The Union/Locust Backup Generator Project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines under California Public Resources Code Section 15301, Class 1 for Existing Facilities and Section 15303 – Class 3 for new construction or conversion of small structures. Class 1 exemptions include the minor alteration of existing public facilities and mechanical equipment that involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, as is the case for the Union/Locust Backup Generator Project. Class 3 exemptions include construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities; installation of small new

equipment in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Union/Locust Backup Generator Project would result in installation of a generator and construction of a new concrete pad behind an existing gate, in an area currently used for storage.

Additionally, the project is not barred by the applicable exceptions for taking a Class 1 or 3 Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code Regs Section 15300.2 (a) – (f)).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Heidi Luckenbach **Phone:** (831) 420-5214

Department: City of Santa Cruz Water Department **Address:** 212 Locust St., Suite C,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Signature: *Heidi Luckenbach* **Date:** 4/20/2024

Signed by Lead Agency

Title: Water Director

Signed by Applicant

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Date Received for filing at County Clerk: _____

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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