

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Ceiba Public Schools
215 Locust Street

Watsonville, CA 95076

(Address)

County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street, Room 520

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Project Title: Agreement between Ceiba Public Schools, City of Watsonville, PVUSD

Project Applicant: Ceiba Public Schools, City of Watsonville, PVUSD

Project Location - Specific:

215 Locust Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Agreement between Ceiba Public Schools, City of Watsonville, PVUSD that would result in the following: (1) pursuant to Gov Code Section 5309 render inapplicable any and all City and County zoning ordinances that would otherwise be applicable to the school ("Zoning Exemption"); (2) prohibit Ceiba expansion to properties adjacent to its existing campus located at 215 Locust St.; (3) withdrawal of Ceiba's current Prop 39 facilities request to PVUSD and waiver of its right to file future Prop 39 facilities requests; (4) City's waiver and release of all challenges to the Zoning Exemption and agreement to take action on Ceiba's request to rescind its City's entitlements within ninety (90) days of written request from Ceiba to do so.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ceiba Public Schools

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ceiba Public Schools, City of Watsonville, PVUSD

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: 15301; 15061(b)(3)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Ceiba's approval of the Agreement is not a "project" under or subject to CEQA because it is not an activity that could cause any physical change in the environment and therefore will not result in any direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. If Ceiba's approval of the Agreement is a project subject to CEQA, it is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 existing facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301) because the Agreement involves no expansion of or change to Ceiba's current operation of a charter school at the existing campus at 215 Locust Street where it has operated since 2013. Ceiba's approval of the Agreement is also exempt under the common sense exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3)) because since it will not result in any physical changes to the environment, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ceiba's approval of the Agreement may have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Joshua Ripp, Head of School Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (650) 743-9700

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

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/26/2025 Title: Head of School

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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