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### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**Project Name:** EJ21 - EJ27 Sewer Replacement Project

**Project Location:** The project is located along sewer easements that cross six separate parcels west of 7th Avenue beginning at manhole EJ 21 located at 1297 7th Avenue and ending at manhole EJ 27 located at 1171 7th Avenue.

**Assessor Parcel No.:** Santa Cruz County Sanitation sewer easements on the following parcels: 026-211-22, 026-211-25, 026-211-67, 026-211-20, 026-211-55, and 026-211-54.

**Project Applicant:** Santa Cruz County Sanitation District

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves replacement of approximately 453 linear feet of existing damaged and deteriorated sewer main between manholes EJ21 and EJ27. Routine video inspections of the sewer system revealed structural defects due to age-related deterioration affecting the pipe, joints, and connections that require immediate repair to maintain reliable service. The existing 8-inch asbestos concrete pipe will be removed and replaced with 8-inch PVC pipe through conventional open-cut trenching which includes digging a trench, removing the existing deteriorated pipe, installing replacement pipe and backfilling the trench. Construction of the project will require removal of up to five oak trees which are growing directly above the line. Specifications are included in the project design to ensure avoidance of impacts to sensitive resources that may occur adjacent to the work area. All trees that require removal or are otherwise injured during construction will be replaced in-kind at suitable locations on site or at an approved off-site location.

**Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Cruz

**County Contact:** Ivan Messina **Telephone No.** 831-454-2814

**Date Completed:** 05/15/2025

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
- ☐ Ministerial Project involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- ☒ Categorical Exemption  
15301(b)(d) Class 1. Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemption other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285)

#### Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves repair and maintenance of an existing public sewer that is in immediate need of repair and involves no expansion of the existing use or capacity. None of the exceptions in §15300.2 apply.

**Signature:** Juliette Robinson **Date:** 05/15/2025 **Title:** Resource Planner IV