

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

701 Ocean Street Ste 210

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): Santa Cruz METRO
Administrative Offices, 110 Vernon Street

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Project Title: Watsonville Transit Center and Infill Housing Redevelopment

Project Applicant: Santa Cruz Metro

Project Location - Specific:

475 Rodriguez Street, Watsonville CA, 95076

Project Location - City: Watsonville Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On the site of the current Watsonville Transit Center, Santa Cruz METRO plans to add 61 affordable housing units, alongside a childcare center for the entire community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Cruz Metro

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Cruz Metro

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: PRC § 21155

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project sits on the current site of the Watsonville Transit Center, which sees service intervals shorter than 15 minutes during peak service hours, and has more than 10% affordable housing, per the direction of the statute.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Corey Aldridge

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-420-2501

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: Corey Aldridge

Date: 10/21/25

Title: CEO / General Manager

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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