

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, #230

Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From: (Public Agency): Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
36 Brennan Street

Watsonville, CA 95817

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Project Title: Supplemental Well No. 3 Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Project Location - Specific:

345 Harvest Drive, Watsonville, CA 95076

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project includes installation of a replacement well pump and associated electrical, controls, and discharge piping for existing "Supplemental Well #3" on APN 018-341-25. The project does not include ground disturbance other than resurfacing of existing pavement; PV Water would replace the pump in the existing well and run conduit through existing above grade infrastructure. The pump capacity would not be increased over historic pumping capabilities. Installation of the replacement pump and all associated project improvements are anticipated to be complete by June 2027. Refer to Attachment A for Bid Set drawings of the Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

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 and 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt because it involves replacement of an existing pump without ground disturbance or expansion of use. All work would occur within existing infrastructure, and no new facilities or construction outside the current footprint or site is proposed. The pumping capacity would remain consistent with previous operations, and there would be no increase in water extraction or change in operational intensity. As such, the project qualifies for a CatEx under CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which applies to the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public or private structures involving negligible or no expansion of use and section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which applies to replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. None of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply to the Project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brian Lockwood

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831.722.9292 ext. 15

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: Brian Lockwood Date: 12/11/2025 Title: 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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