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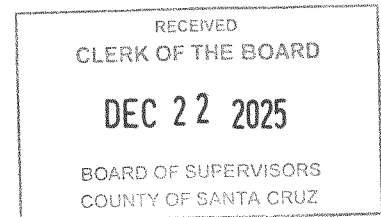
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
Attn: Juliette Rezzato
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Project Name: 2026 Hazard Mitigation Grant Project

Project Location: This project is located along portions of various roadways in unincorporated Santa Cruz County as identified in Attachment A.

Assessor Parcel No.: Public ROW

Project Applicant: Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works

Project Description: The proposed project will be a systematic hazardous fuel reduction program along major corridors of the County of Santa Cruz road network only in the road right of way. This project involves reducing hazardous fuels through vegetation trimming within 15 feet of both sides of the road right of way along various County roadways (Attachment A). Roadside tree trimming and mowing per the attached Mowing and Trimming detail will occur within 15 feet from road edge to 16 feet above the road surface. Specifications are included in the project description/design to avoid impacts to sensitive resources that may occur adjacent to roadways.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Casey Carlson **Telephone No.** 831- 454-3102

Date Completed: December 22, 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 15061(b)(3).
- ☐ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
- ☒ **Categorical Exemption**

§15301 (c)(h) Class 1. Existing Facilities

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves maintenance of existing public facilities for the purpose of improving public safety and involves no expansion of the existing use. None of the exceptions outlined in § 15300.2 apply.

Signature: Michael Sapunor

Date: 12/22/25 Title: Planner IV

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 12/23/2025
AND ENDING 1/28/2026