

**Notice of Exemption**

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To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento CA 95814

From: (Public Agency)  
Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission  
701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

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

**Project Title:** "San Andreas Mutual Water Company Extraterritorial Service Agreement" (ESA 25-11)

**Project Location:** The subject area is outside the Soquel Creek Water District's jurisdictional and sphere boundaries and is located north of Sunset State Beach, east of the Pacific Ocean, south of La Selva Beach, and west of Highway 1. Attached is a vicinity map of the subject area (refer to **Attachment A**).

**Project Location City:** N/A **Project Location County:** Santa Cruz

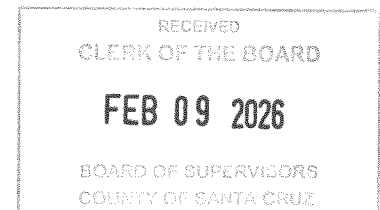
**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposal was initiated by the affected private water system. The subject area includes 175 parcels totaling approximately 380 acres. The purpose of the application is to reflect an emergency intertie between the San Andreas Mutual Water Company and the Soquel Creek Water District.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County ("Santa Cruz LAFCO"). A public hearing on this proposal is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2026. Additional information on the upcoming meeting is available on the LAFCO website (<https://www.santacruzlafco.org>).

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Cruz LAFCO

**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  
☐ Other: The activity is not a project subject to CEQA.



**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The number of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to: Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Joe A. Serrano

**Area Code/Phone Extension:** 831-454-2055.

**Signature:**   
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

**Date:** February 9, 2026

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

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