

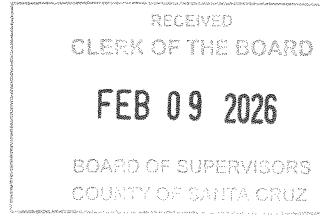
Notice of Exemption

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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: Comprehensive Sanitation Service and Sphere Review

Project Location: The project area includes ten sanitation districts located throughout Santa Cruz County. These districts include Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System, Davenport County Sanitation District, Freedom County Sanitation District, Salsipuedes Sanitary District, Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, and County Service Areas 2, 5, 7, 10, and 20. A vicinity map depicting the location of each subject agency is included (refer to Attachment A).

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The report is for use by the Local Agency Formation Commission in conducting a statutorily required review and update process. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act requires that the Commission conduct periodic reviews and updates of spheres of influence of all cities and districts in Santa Cruz County (Government Code section 56425). It also requires LAFCO to conduct a review of municipal services before adopting Sphere updates (Government Code section 56430). Santa Cruz LAFCO has prepared a municipal service review, and sphere of influence update for ten sanitation districts. The purpose of the report is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of sewer provisions by each subject agency, in accordance to the statutory requirements outlined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission. The LAFCO public hearing on this proposal is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 4, 2026.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission

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: The LAFCO action does not change the services or the planned service area of the ten sanitation districts. There is no possibility that the activity may have a significant impact on the environment--State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joe A. Serrano

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Signature: 
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Date: February 9, 2026

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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 02/09/2026
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