

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Rm. 520
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

070-24
From: San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Project Title: SLVWD Water Storage Tanks Recoating

Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD)

Project Location – Specific:

The tanks are located between 0.2 miles and 2 miles from Highway 9 in Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond, and Felton, CA.

Project Location - City: Boulder Creek (unincorp)

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of the rehabilitation of six above ground water storage tanks ranging from 75,000 to 721,000 gallons capacity in the unincorporated communities of Boulder Creek, Ben Lomond, and Felton. The tanks require recoating to extend their service life. The tank recoating process includes sampling and testing the existing coatings, removal of interior coatings, rewelding damaged metal surfaces, and recoating interior and exterior surfaces. Maintenance, repair, or replacement of tank components or appurtenant structures such as ladders and fences may be needed. Removal of existing tank coatings will follow best management practices and regulatory requirements for any hazardous waste. All work will be limited to existing roads, turnarounds, and within fenced operational areas around tank footprints.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

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));
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption (Sec. 15061(b)(3));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301(d), Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(d). Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This

project falls within the Class 1 exemption as it consists of the rehabilitation of existing water storage tanks to extend their service life. Rehabilitation is necessary to ensure water storage meets current public health and safety standards without expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Chris Klier

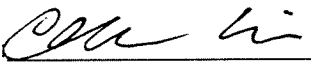
Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

(831) 338-2153

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  Date: 7/24/26 Title: Environmental Programs Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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