

Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency)
Santa Cruz LAFCO
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: "Opal Cliffs Recreation District Reorganization" (LAFCO Project No. RO 21-18)

Project Location: The subject area is primarily within unincorporated county territory and is located in the coastal region of Santa Cruz County, south of the City of Capitola, north and west of the Pacific Ocean, and east of 41st Avenue. Attached is a vicinity map of the subject area (see **Attachment A**).

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The proposed reorganization was initiated by resolution and requests for the dissolution of Opal Cliffs Recreation District and the concurrent annexation of the dissolved area into County Service Area 11. The subject area consists of 440 parcels, totaling approximately 67 acres. The proposed annexation into CSA 11 will exclude 11 parcels currently located in the City of Capitola, which has its own recreational department. If approved, the reorganization will preserve the current levels of service and maintain local demand expectations by the Opal Cliffs community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County ("Santa Cruz LAFCO"). A public hearing on this proposal was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 9, 2022. Additional information on the upcoming meeting is available on the LAFCO website.

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 15320, Class 20(b): Changes in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised, including but not limited to consolidation of two or more districts having identical powers.

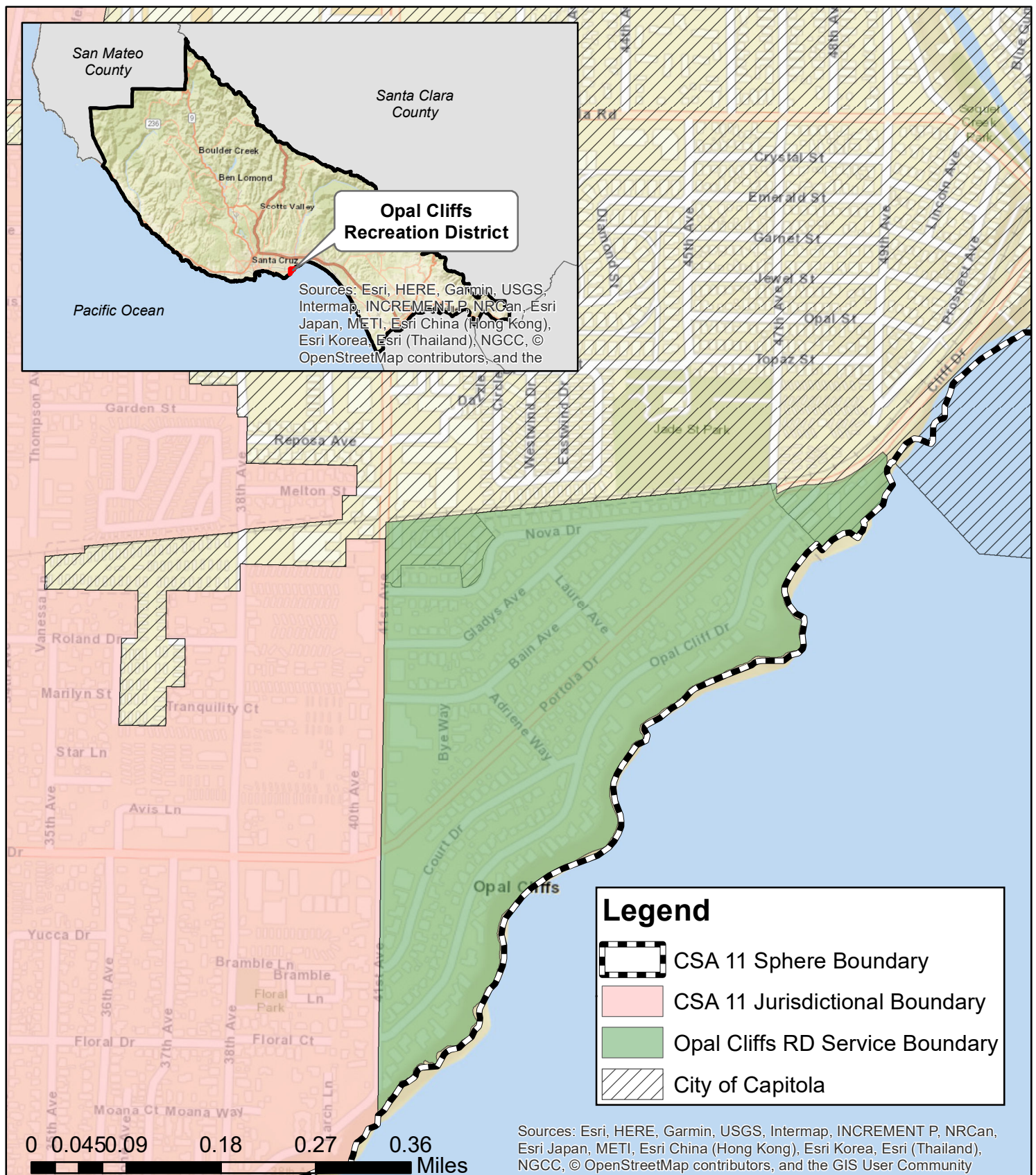
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Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

Date: February 10, 2022

☒ Signed by Lead Agency



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The reorganization, if approved, would complete two actions: (1) dissolve the Opal Cliffs Recreation District and (2) Concurrently annex the dissolved area into CSA 11 (County Parks). The annexation will exclude the areas located within the City of Capitola.

