

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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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: "Scotts Valley Water District Sphere Annexation"

Project Location: The subject area includes unincorporated county territory and areas within the City of Scotts Valley. In general, the subject area is located on the east and west side Highway 17. Attached is a vicinity map of the subject area (refer to **Attachment A**).

Project Location City: Scotts Valley **Project Location County:** Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The subject area includes 183 parcels totaling approximately 1,481 acres. The purpose of the application is to offer the opportunity to connect into the District's water system, when desired by the affected landowners, without the need for future LAFCO action or standalone applications from each parcel owner. If approved, the affected residents will not be required to connect into the District's water system but will have the opportunity to do so when warranted.

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 April 5, 2023. 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 15319, Class 19(a): Annexations to a city or special district of areas containing existing or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning or pre-zoning, of either the gaining or losing governmental agency whichever is more restrictive, provided, however, that the extension of utility services to the existing facilities would have a capacity to serve only the existing facilities.

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Signature: _____
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

Date: April 6, 2023

Signed by Lead Agency