

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Commission
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From: (Public Agency)
Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation
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To: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
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Project Title: "Branciforte Fire Protection District Reorganization" (LAFCO Project No. RO 22-07)

Project Location: The subject area encompasses nine square miles of unincorporated county territory known as the Branciforte community, is inhabited, and is located east of the City of Scotts Valley. 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: A reorganization is being proposed by the Branciforte Fire Protection District following the adoption of an initiating resolution. If approved, the Branciforte Fire Protection District will be dissolved and the dissolved area will be concurrently annexed into the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District. The purpose of the reorganization is to facilitate the efficient delivery of fire protection to individual and property owners within the affected territory.

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 August 2, 2023. 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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Date: August 3, 2023

Signed by Lead Agency