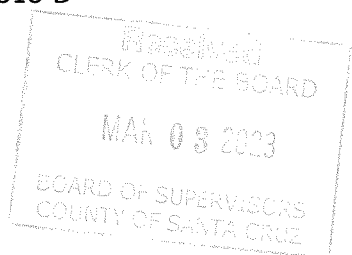


**Notice of Exemption**

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:** "Paso Cielo / Towle Annexation" to County Service Area 20

**Project Location:** The subject area is within unincorporated county territory and is located south of Highway 1, east of the Pacific Ocean, west of Margarita Road, and north of San Andreas Road. 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:** The proposal was initiated by landowner petition. The subject area includes three parcels, totaling approximately 10 acres. The main parcel (APN: 045-022-34) currently has a single-family home and has requested to connect into CSA 20 for sewer services. The two additional parcels are included to prevent irregular boundaries and both landowners have expressed support of the annexation effort. The purpose of the application is for the provision of sewer services from a nearby public agency to the existing single family home.

**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 March 1, 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

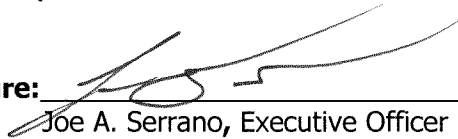
**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- 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 9(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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Joe A. Serrano

**Area Code/Phone Extension:** 831-454-2055.

**Signature:**   
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

**Date:** March 3, 2023

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Signed by Lead Agency

