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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Name: Estates Drive Trunkline Stabilization Emergency Project
Project Location: Near 770 Estates Drive in Aptos; Lat/Long: 36.98037868, -121.92114029
Assessor Parcel No.: Public ROW and sewer easements on 038-101-32 & 038-101-33
Project Applicant: Santa Cruz County Sanitation District

Project Description: The proposed project involves stabilization of a support beam that carries an existing sewer main over an unnamed ephemeral drainage tributary to Borregas Creek. During the 2022/2023 Atmospheric River Storm events, a slope failure occurred which undermined the concrete piers of the support beam for the sewer main and carried one concrete pillar downslope into the channel bottom. The sewer system is currently at a risk of failure if the pipe is not properly stabilized. In response to these storm events, on January 4, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom declared an emergency proclamation for Santa Cruz County, and on January 10, 2023, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions proclaiming local emergencies for the December 2022 and January 2023 Storm events. Stabilizing the existing sewer pipe will consist of installing 4 new beams, one on each side of the pipe on both banks, and welding cross supports to the existing beam that is holding up the sewer line. Work will also involve removal of the concrete pillar from the channel with the use of a crane. All equipment work for drilling holes, installing the beams, and removing the concrete will be conducted from the top of bank.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz
County Contact: Katie Beach **Telephone No.** 831-477-3925
Date Completed: 2/16/2023

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

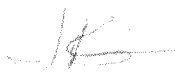
Exempt status: (check one)

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.

Categorical Exemption
 Statutory Exemption other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
Specify type: **15269 (a)(b)(c)**

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves repair of an existing public sewer system and associated infrastructure necessary to maintain services essential to the public health, safety and welfare, and specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate additional emergencies. On January 4, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom declared an emergency proclamation for Santa Cruz County. This project will repair damage that occurred during, and as a result of, that emergency.

Signature:  Date: 2/16/2023 Title: Resource Planner IV

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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 3/9/2023
AND ENDING 4/9/2023