

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth St. Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** City of Watsonville  
Parks & Community Services Dept.  
250 Main Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076

Clerk of the Board  
Santa Cruz County  
701 Ocean St., Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**FILE NO.** PCS-2020-0804

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**Project Title:** Ramsay Park Dog Park

**Project Location - Specific:** 1301 Main St., Watsonville, CA 95076

**Project Location - City:** Watsonville

**Project Location-County:** Santa Cruz

**Description of Project:** This project will establish a dog park at a 26 acre community park in downtown Watsonville. An existing open field space in the park will be converted to 15,000 sq. ft dog park partitioned for small and large dogs by utilizing the existing site topography and installing permeable surfacing, perimeter fencing, trees, signage, bench seating, a drinking fountain and paved pedestrian access to make the amenity suitable for dogs and dog owners.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Watsonville

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Parks and Community Services Dept., City of Watsonville  
**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: Class 1, 3, & 4; Sec. 15301, 15303, 15304

Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is Exempt:** This project is eligible for a Class 1, 3, & 4 Categorical Exemption per Sec. 15301, 15303, and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines as it involves the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

The proposed project is not an expansion of capacity, rather it is an enhancement of an existing accessible park space. This project will not result in additional environmental impacts relating to aesthetics, erosion, stormwater, groundwater, traffic or air quality. The project will have no or negligible adverse impacts on aesthetics in the surrounding area which is mixed use in an urban setting.

This NOE is consistent with the following code sections:

- 15301 Existing Facilities. Class 1 of this code section consists of operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, licensing or minor alternation of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The proposed project is located in an existing public park with active recreation. It does not alter existing use patterns, but rather enhances safety and accessibility within existing facilities. The project does not propose any expansion of use and there are no new proposed buildings.

- 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Class 3 of this code section consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

The proposed project does not involve major modifications to existing structures, but rather involves minor modifications to the surface material, perimeter fencing and site furnishings of an existing field space in order to establish a dog park.

- 15304 Minor Alterations of Land. Class 4 of this code consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

This project does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature or scenic trees. Perimeter drought tolerant landscaping and new trees would be installed as a result of this project. Within the dog park foot print there are existing trees to provide shade that would be preserved.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ben Heistein Telephone: 831-768-3150  
 Title: Assistant Parks & Community Services Director

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes  No

Signature: 

Date: 8/4/2020

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**Aug 04 2020**

Signed by Lead Agency  
 Signed by Applicant

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_