

Notice of Exemption

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To: [X] Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
820 Bay Avenue, Suite 136
Capitola, CA 95010

County Clerk
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street, Room 210
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: San Lorenzo River Watershed Targeted Sediment Reduction Program (Program)

Project Locations - Specific Projects will be implemented on a maximum of 25 total rural roads and/or private or public properties located within rural residential areas, agricultural lands, and/or forest lands of the San Lorenzo River Watershed.

Project Locations - City: Unincorporated Project Locations - County: Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This Program works with local landowners, agencies, non-profits and road associations to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on rural roads and/or public and private properties in the San Lorenzo River Watershed. The BMPs focus on improving water quality by decreasing erosion and reducing sediment loads. These projects will result in a decrease in sediments and other road-induced pollutants in waterways. The types of BMPS to be implemented include access road improvement (outsloping, critical dips, and rolling dips), structures for water control (inlet/outlet protection and ditch relief culverts), installation of trash racks, repairs and maintenance to existing culverts and critical area planting /vegetative erosion control, steam bank protection, rain gardens, water catchment and other low impact development practices.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Santa Cruz County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: RCD of Santa Cruz County

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301 Class 1; 15303 Class 3; 15304 Class 4; 15333 Class 33)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

Reasons why project is exempt: None of the activities will have a significant effect on sensitive areas or resources. None of the projects will not have a negative effect on protected species habitat and will not include wetlands restoration or disturbance. All of the projects have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: James McKenna, Board President, RCD of Santa Cruz County Telephone: 831-464-2950

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: James McKenna Date: 8/7/20 Title: Board President Governor's Office of Planning & Research

[X] Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: [] Signed by Applicant STATE CLEARINGHOUSE