


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Soquel Creek Water District (Public Agency) 5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073 (Lead Agency)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santa Cruz County Clerk 701 Ocean Street, Room 520 Santa Cruz, CA 95060	

1. Title:	Agreement for Option to Purchase Real Property at 2455 Chanticleer Avenue
2. Applicant:	Soquel Creek Water District
3. Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	2455 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA; Assessor Parcel Number 029-013-57.
4. (a) Location – City:	City of Santa Cruz
(b) Location – County:	Santa Cruz County
5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Action:	<p>On August 18, 2020, the Soquel Creek Water District's Board of Directors approved an Option Agreement to potentially purchase the Provision Glass & Window shop property located at 2455 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA. Per the terms of the Option Agreement, the property owner has granted the Soquel Creek Water District (the "District") the option to purchase the property at a price of \$1,300,000. The option expires on December 15, 2020.</p> <p>If the District desires to consider purchasing the property at a future date (and thus exercising the purchase option), the Board of Directors will consider whether to approve the purchase at that future time, including evaluating the environmental impacts of the purchase as necessary to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act. As stated in the Agreement, the District will not exercise its purchase option unless and until the District has finalized the CEQA process and followed all legally required procedures.</p>
6. Name of Public Agency issuing approval:	Soquel Creek Water District
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the action, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Soquel Creek Water District; Douglas William Doering, Trustee of the Douglas Doering 2007 Trust
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a "project."	State CEQA Guidelines § 15378 [No commitment to any action that may impact the environment]
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	

(d) <input type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	
(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) <input type="checkbox"/>	Other. Explanation:	
9.	Reason why action was exempt:	As approved on August 18, 2020, the District's action is not a CEQA "project" because it does not commit the District to any activity having the "potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment" per State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. The Option Agreement merely involves the District's preservation of its right to potentially purchase the 2455 Chanticleer Avenue property, but does not commit to any decision that will affect the environment. Should the District desire to exercise its option to purchase the property in the future, the District will comply with CEQA and evaluate any and all potential environmental impacts that any such future action may have prior to any approval.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Melanie Mow Schumacher
	Telephone:	831-475-8500x153
11.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the action?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Was a public meeting held by the lead agency to consider the above-described action?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	If yes, the date of the public meeting was: August 18, 2020	

Signature:  Date: 8/19/20 Title: GM
 Signed by Lead Agency **Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

Date Received for Filing: Aug 19 2020
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
 (Clerk Stamp Here)

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
 PERIOD COMMENCING Aug 19 20 20
 AND ENDING Sep 18 20 20