

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:	Notice of Completion for Pure Water Soquel Seawater Intrusion Prevention Well Drilling Project, CWO 20-3000
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):	Soquel Dr. and Willowbrook Lane (Willowbrook Well); Monterey Avenue and Kennedy Dr. (Monterey Well); Cabrillo College Dr. and Soquel Dr. (Twin Lakes Church Well)
4.	(a) Location – City:	Cities of Capitola and Aptos an unincorporated area Santa Cruz County
	(b) Location – County:	Santa Cruz County
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Action:	Zim Industries, Inc. has completed the installation (drilling and construction) of the Willowbrook and Monterey Seawater Intrusion Prevention (SWIP) recharge wells and the rehabilitation of the Twin Lakes Church Well pursuant to the detailed requirements contained in the previously approved contract documents. According, on July 20, 2021, the Soquel Creek Water District's Board of Directors ministerially accepted the Pure Water Soquel Seawater Intrusion Prevention Well Drilling Project, CWO 20-3000, as complete, and directed staff to file a notice of completion.
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
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	
	(a) <input checked="" 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:	The Soquel Creek Water District's Board of Directors' action on July 20, 2021 to accept the Pure Water Soquel Seawater Intrusion Prevention Well Drilling Project, CWO 20-3000, as complete pursuant to the detailed requirements of the previously approved contract, and to direct staff to file a notice of completion is a ministerial action not subject to the Board's discretionary review. In addition, and in the alternative, 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 foreseeably indirect physical change in the environment" per State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Accordingly, the acceptance of the Pure Water Soquel Seawater Intrusion Prevention Well Drilling Project as complete and directing staff to file a notice of completion is not a project subject to CEQA.
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 exemption? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public meeting was: _____	

Signature: _____

Date: July 22, 2021 Title: Special Projects-Communications Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date Received for Filing: _____

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