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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): City of Santa Cruz Water Department
212 Locust St.
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz

(Address)

Project Title: Newell Creek Reservoir Temporary Urgency Change Petition - 2021

Project Applicant: City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Project Location - Specific:

Newell Creek Reservoir: 37.101912, -122.072403

Project Location - City: Ben Lomond, CA

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Temporary Urgency Change Peition in accordance with the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) rules to reduce the bypass/release requirements in order to preserve storage in Newell Creek Reservoir needed due to extreme drought conditions. Beneficiaries are customers reliant on water supplied by the City of Santa Cruz.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz; SWRCB is responsible agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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; 14 CCR section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: see below

Reasons why project is exempt:

This action by the City is exempt from CEQA pursuant to, inter alia, Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(3) and (4), 14 CCR Section 15269(a) and (c), and 14 CCR Section 15301 (Class 1 exemption). The City's water supply situation is dire. Its only source of stored water for drought protection is being depleted and must be protected to mitigate the effects of the drought emergency declared by the Governor and preserve storage for ongoing emergency conditions.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Berry Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 420-5483

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: 08-19-21 Title: Watershed Manager

Digitally signed by Chris Berry
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Department, ou=Watershed,
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Date: 2021.08.19 13:16:12 -0700

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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: _____