

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: City of Watsonville
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FILE NO.: App No. PP23

Project Title: Temporary emergency vehicle access (EVA) road for a proposed multifamily affordable housing project

Project Location - Specific: 78 Atkinson Lane

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Minor Design Review with Environmental Review (App No. PP23) to allow for the construction of a temporary 20-foot-wide emergency vehicle access (EVA) road for a proposed multifamily affordable housing project (Pippin Phase 2). The proposed project consists of construction of a temporary EVA road, installation of landscaping, fencing, and two new lighting posts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: MP Berry Farms LLC, 275 Main St, Suite 204, Watsonville, CA 95076

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 32, Section 15332
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: This project (construction of a temporary 20-foot-wide EVA road in the City of Watsonville's jurisdiction) qualifies for a Class 32 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15332 of the State CEQA Guidelines. The project proposes to construct a temporary EVA road on a vacant parcel located in the City limits. Environmental impacts related to construction of the temporary EVA road where addressed in the EIR and Addendum to an EIR adopted in 2009 and 2014, respectively.

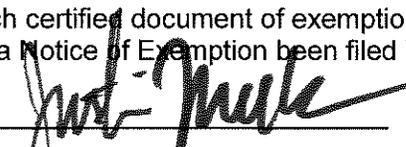
The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Residential Low Density and R-1 Zoning District regulations. The project site can be adequately serviced by existing utilities and is located on a site that is less than five acres in size. Approval of the temporary EVA road would not result in significant impacts to air quality, noise, traffic or water quality. Additionally, the location of the temporary EVA road has no value as habitat for threatened or endangered species.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Justin Meek

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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:** 4/24/2011 **Title:** Principal Planner, AICP

- 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: _____