

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Department has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

Application Number: N/A

Application Title: Installation of Shallow Monitoring Wells

Assessor Parcel Number: See below, most sites are within the County Roads Right of Way and do not have a parcel number.

Project Location:

1. Lupin SW: Intersection of Lupin Dr. and N Rodeo Gulch Rd (36.998, -121.976)
2. Balogh SW2: Cherryvale Ave (37.000, -121.950)
3. Spreckels SW: Spreckels Drive South of Hwy 1 (36.975, -121.902)
4. Aptos Village County Park SW: Parking lot of Aptos Village State Park (APN 039-241-02)
5. SC-10 SW: Cherryvale Ave (37.010, -121.950)
6. Mountain Elementary SW: Mountain Elementary School (APN 103-151-24)
7. Olive Springs SW: Olive Springs Rd (37.051, -121.927)

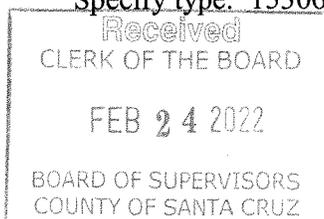
Project Description: Installation of seven (7) monitoring wells throughout the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin boundary to collect groundwater elevations data at strategic locations. These data will inform resource protection under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, particularly in evaluating the connection between surface water and groundwater.

Person or Agency Proposing Project: Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Agency, submitted by Sierra Ryan

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- A. The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- B. The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- C. **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- D. **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).
- E. **Categorical Exemption**

Specify type: 15306. INFORMATION COLLECTION Class 6



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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 2/24/2022
AND ENDING 3/26/2022

F. Reasons why the project is exempt:

1. Ministerial Project: Section 21080 of the Public Resources Code exempts from the application of CEQA those projects over which public agencies exercise only ministerial authority. Wells such as these require only a ministerial well permit from the County.
2. Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. This project is being done for the purpose of data collection to evaluate and manage an environmental resource by a public agency, and therefore qualifies under this exemption.

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.



Sierra Ryan, Water Resources Manager

Date: 2/18/2022