

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
Notice of Exemption

306-23

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

To: Clerk of the Board
County of Santa Cruz
Governmental Center
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of Santa Cruz Water Department, 212 Locust Street, Suite C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: SCADA Radio Upgrade Project

Project Address: Various, see Attachment 1

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various, see Attachment 1

City of: Santa Cruz

County of: Santa Cruz

Project Description: The City of Santa Cruz Water Department (SCWD) is proposing to replace its Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) communications system at existing SCWD facilities located throughout unincorporated Santa Cruz County and City of Santa Cruz. The SCWD uses a radio-based SCADA communications system to monitor and control equipment at remote facilities such as water intakes, pumping stations, and storage reservoirs, from the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant (GHWTP). The current SCADA system relies on an obsolete radio that is no longer manufactured, and replacement parts and technical support are no longer available. Replacement of the entire SCADA system is required to be compatible with a new radio system.

The proposed project involves replacement of the existing radios in their current location, a field survey to validate an updated network design, and replacement and minor relocation of the SCADA radio base tower within the existing GHWTP site. This project is required for the SCWD to continue the production, storage, treatment, and transmission of water. SCWD must maintain and operate the water system uninterrupted during installation and implementation of the SCADA Radio Upgrade Project.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); 14 Cal Code Regs §15268).
- Categorically Exempt (14 Cal Code Regs §15300 et seq.).
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); 14 Cal Code Regs §15269(a)).
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); 14 Cal Code Regs §15269(b)(c)).
- Statutory Exemption (Code/Section N/A).
- The project clearly will not have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal Code Regs §15061(b)(3)).

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 12/7 2023

AND ENDING 1/7 2023

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15302, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, for replacement of existing structures and facilities (the SCWD's SCADA communications system) where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, as is the case for the SCADA Radio Upgrade Project.

Additionally, the project is not barred by the applicable exceptions for taking a Class 2 Categorical Exemption (14 Cal Code Regs §15300.2 (b) – (f)).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Heidi Luckenbach **Phone:** (831) 420-5214

Department: City of Santa Cruz Water Department **Address:** 212 Locust St., Suite C,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Signature: Heidi R. Luckenbach **Date:** 4/28/2023

Signed by Lead Agency

Title: Deputy Director/Engineering Manager

Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at County Clerk: _____

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Attachment 1 - SCADA Radio Upgrade Project Addresses and Assessor's Parcel Numbers

APN	Address	City	Zip
076-251-24	100 Loch Lomond Wy	Felton	95018
009-471-02	745 Brookwood Dr.	Santa Cruz	95060
060-192-06	200 Crossing St.	Santa Cruz	95060
067-261-57	639 Cress Rd.	Santa Cruz	95060
102-071-60	335 Feliciudad	Soquel	95073
065-131-31	5800 Highway 9	Felton	95018
006-011-02	200 Cardiff Pl.	Santa Cruz	95060
059-121-01	605 Dimeo Lane	Santa Cruz	95060
067-601-01	23 Kite Hill Rd	Santa Cruz	95060
001-011-08	1425 High St.	Santa Cruz	95060
062-041-49	1991 Empire Grade Rd.	Santa Cruz	95060
062-081-16	2290 Empire Grade Rd	Santa Cruz	95060
009-074-25	905 Morrissey Blvd.	Santa Cruz	95065
008-032-01	1214 River St.	Santa Cruz	95060
001-191-72	106 Limestone Ln	Santa Cruz	95060
102-372-10	4675 Thurber Ln	Santa Cruz	95065
002-551-01	201 Iowa Dr.	Santa Cruz	95060
032-021-31	3701 Roland Dr.	Santa Cruz	95062
032-032-22	977 34th Ave	Santa Cruz	95062
032-075-06	730 30th Ave	Santa Cruz	95062
030-181-70	2750 Research Park Dr.	Soquel	95073
061-392-03	151 Montclair Dr.	Santa Cruz	95060
062-041-49	1991 Empire Grade Rd.	Santa Cruz	95060
008-341-63	320 Vista Bella Dr.	Santa Cruz	95060
068-171-23	596 Glen Canyon Rd	Santa Cruz	95060
66-091-03	6000 E Zaynte Rd	Felton	95018
060-141-05	715 Graham Hill Road	Santa Cruz	95060