



# County of Santa Cruz

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Project Name:** Establishment of the Year 2025 Growth Goal  
**Project Location:** Unincorporated area of the Santa Cruz County  
**Assessor Parcel No.:** N/A  
**Project Applicant:** County of Santa Cruz  
**Project Description:** Setting the Year 2025 Annual Growth Goal Rate at 0.75%

**Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Cruz  
**County Contact:** Mark Connolly, Principal Planner **Telephone No.** 831-454-2682  
**Date Completed:** 12/10/2024

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz has found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (*check one*)

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.  
 The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).  
 The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).  
 **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.  
 **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

- Categorical Exemption**

15308 Class 8. Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

### Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project is intended only to meet the requirements set forth in Chapter 17.04 of the County Code, "Annual Population Growth Goal for Santa Cruz County." Establishment of the annual population growth goal is a requirement of Measure J, which was adopted in 1979 to address resource and public services impacts of population growth in the County and represents Santa Cruz County's fair share of statewide population growth for the upcoming year. Also, as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. No physical impact to the environment would occur.

Signature: 

Date: 12/10/2024

Title: Principal Planner