

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): County Of Monterey- Public Works
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County Clerk
County of: Monterey
168 W. Alisal St. Salinas, Ca. 93901

(Address)

Project Title: Climate Victory Gardens

Project Applicant: Denise Mercado

Project Location - Specific:

Salinas, Marina, King City, Castroville, Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield

Project Location - City: Salinas

Project Location - County: Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Salinas Valley Climate Victory Garden Program incentivizes the construction of small-scale landscape water conservation projects on private and public properties to improve water quality and reduce water demand from surface and ground water resources. This project works with California Water Service Company- Salinas/King City Division and Marina Coast Water District to provide financial incentives for the construction of landscape best management practices (BMP) on up to 40 residential and commercial customer properties. The types of BMPs to be implemented include:
Replacing sprinkler-irrigated turf grass with mulch, compost, and climate-appropriate landscaping irrigated by low-volume irrigation (or no irrigation)
Redirecting stormwater from impervious surfaces to rain gardens and vegetated swales.
Rainwater harvesting in barrels and cisterns
Redirection laundry greywater for landscape irrigation in mulch basins via code-compliant greywater irrigation system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ecology Action of Santa Cruz

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: (Sec, 15304(4)(a)(b)(c)(f))
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The construction activities associated with the Project will not affect sensitive areas or resources and will not have a negative effect on endangered and/or threatened species habitat and will not include wetlands restoration or disturbance. All of the activities have been determined not to have a significance on the environment and therefore shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Michael Trapani Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 831-784-5983

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: Denise Mercado Date: 3/7/2025 Title: Project Specialist

Signed by Lead Agency 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: _____