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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒	Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: (Public Agency)	Soquel Creek Water District 5180 Soquel Drive Soquel, CA 95073 (Lead Agency)
☒	Santa Cruz County Clerk 701 Ocean Street, Room 520 Santa Cruz, CA 95060		

1.	Title:	Award of Contract to McGuire & Hester for the Seawater Intrusion Prevention (SWIP) Well Equipping Project for Pure Water Soquel CWO 20-3000
2.	Applicant:	Soquel Creek Water District
3.	Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	2958 Willowbrook Ln. at Chateau Ct. (Willowbrook SWIP well); 837 Monterey Avenue at Kennedy Dr. (Monterey SWIP well); 2701Cabrillo College Dr. and Soquel Dr. (Twin Lakes Church SWIP well)
4.	(a) Location – City:	Cities of Capitola and unincorporated Aptos
	(b) Location – County:	Santa Cruz County
5.	Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Action:	On June 21, 2022, the Soquel Creek Water District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 22-14 to award the Contract for the Seawater Intrusion Prevention (SWIP) Well Equipping Project for Pure Water Soquel CWO 20-3000 to McGuire & Hester for equipping of the Twin Lakes Church (TLC), Monterey and Willowbrook SWIP wells, including site civil improvements resulting in three fully functional recharge wells. In addition, the Board of Directors authorized the General Manager to execute a purchase order to McGuire & Hester in the amount of $7,777,385, approved the scope of work from Montgomery & Associates to perform engineering and construction management services during construction and authorized the General Manager to sign a purchase order for a not to exceed amount of $259,997.
6.	Name of Public Agency issuing approval:	Soquel Creek Water District
7.	Name of Person or Agency undertaking the action, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Soquel Creek Water District
8.	Exempt status: (check one)	
	(a) ☒ Ministerial project.	Pub. Resources Code, §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines, §15060(c)(1)
	(b) ☐ Not a "project."	
	(c) ☐ Emergency Project.	

(d) ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:		
(e) ☐ Declared Emergency.		
(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:		
(g) ☐ Other. Explanation:		
9.	Reason why action was exempt:	Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivision (b) provides that CEQA does not apply to ministerial projects proposed to be carried out or approved by public agencies. (See also State CEQA Guidelines, §15060(c)(1) [CEQA applies to discretionary actions of a public agency].) Per District Procurement Policy POL500-003, the District must accept the qualifying lowest bid. Accordingly, the adoption of Resolution No. 22-14 is a ministerial action not subject to the Board's discretionary review.
10.	Lead Agency Contact Person:	Melanie Mow Schumacher
	Telephone:	(831) 475-8500 x 153
11.	Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the action? Yes ☒ No ☐	
12.	Was a public meeting held by the lead agency to consider the exemption? Yes ☒ No ☐ If yes, the date of the public meeting was: June 21, 2022	
Date: June 22, 2022	Melanie Mow Signature Name: Melanie Mow Schumacher Title: Special Projects-Communications Manager, Soquel Creek Water District	

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21100, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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