

014-25 NOD

## Notice of Determination

## Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk  
c/o Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean St., Rm. 520,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

From:

44-100(2025-150)  
LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Cruz Water Department  
212 Locust Street, Suite C,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Contact: Zeke Bean  
Phone: (831) 420-5478

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code**

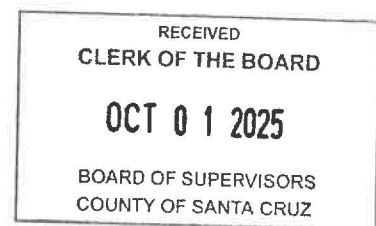
State Clearinghouse Number: 2023080658

Project Title: Anadromous Salmonid Habitat Conservation Plan (ASHCP)

Project Location: Santa Cruz County (see attached plan area map)

### Project Description:

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This is to advise that the City of Santa Cruz as ☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency has approved the above described project on September 30, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An environmental impact report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: the offices of the City of Santa Cruz Water Department, 212 Locust Street, Suite C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Signature (Lead Agency):

Heidi Luckenbach Title: Water Director

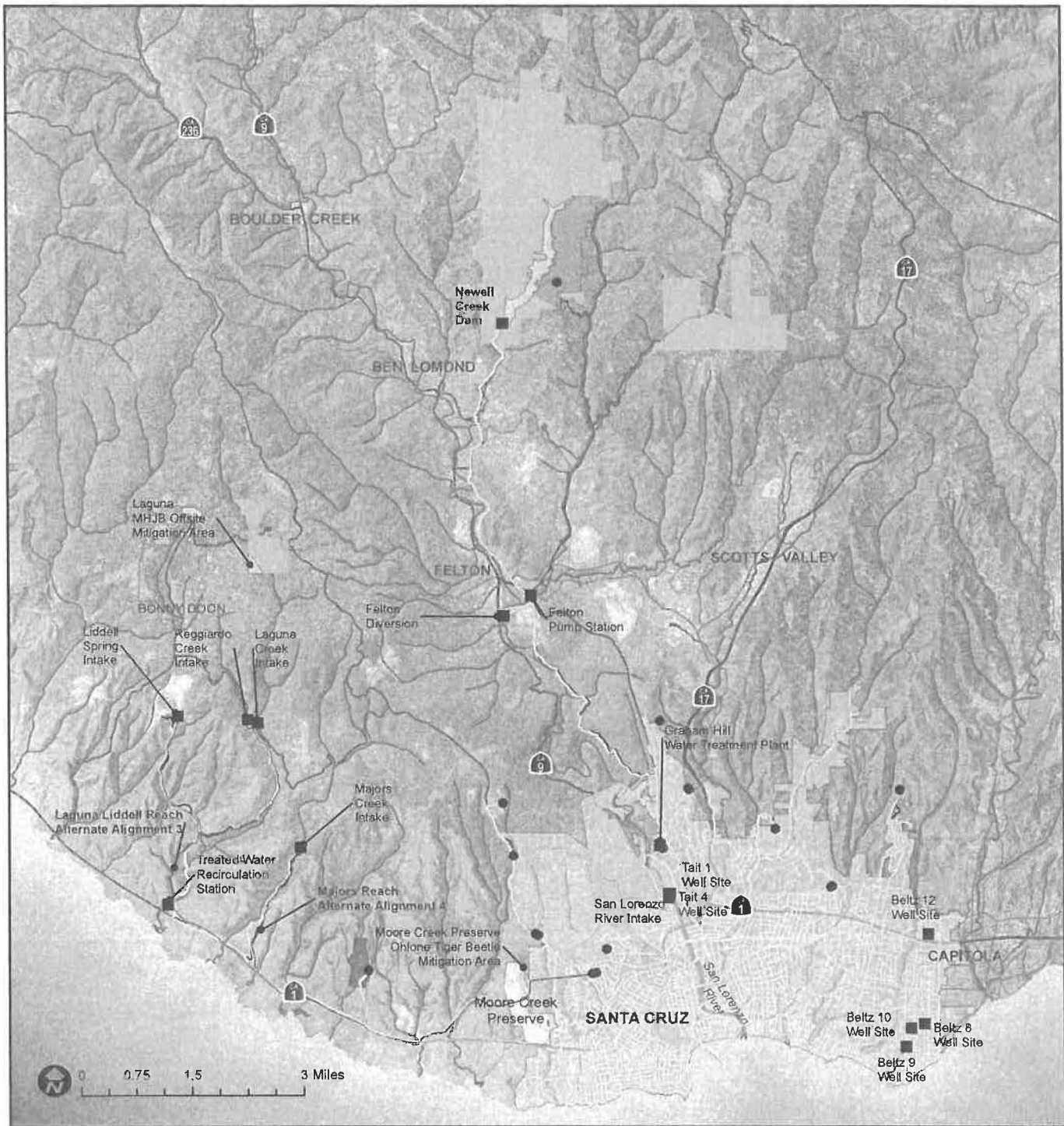
Date:

9/30/2025

Date Received for filing at OPR/County:

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A  
PERIOD COMMENCING 10/1/2025  
AND ENDING 11/6/2025

**CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SECTION 10 PERMITTING PROGRAM  
FIGURE 1. PLAN AREA**



**Base Map**

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| City Watershed Lands        | State Highways |
| Service Area Boundary       | Relevant Roads |
| Moore Creek Preserve        | Streams        |
| Loch Lomond Recreation Area |                |
| Newell Creek Reservoir      |                |

**Plan Area**

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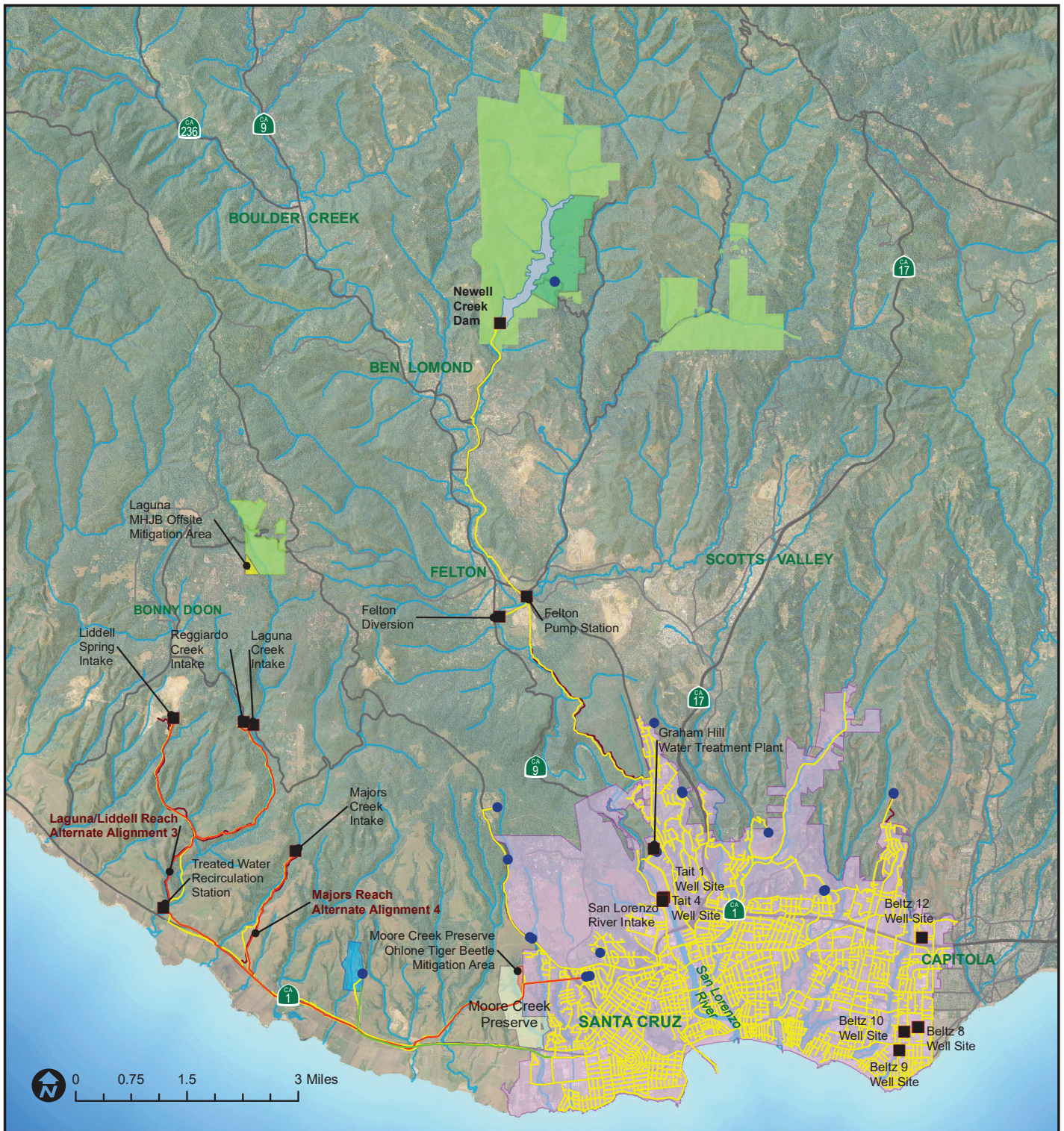
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE  
CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

**44-10012025-150**

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

**2023080658**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>City of Santa Cruz Water Dept.</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>10/1/2025</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>Santa Cruz</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>014-25 NOD</b>	
PROJECT TITLE		

**Anadromous Salmonid Habitat Conservation Plan (ASHCP)**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>City of Santa Cruz Water Dept.</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER <b>831-42-5478</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>212 Locust St., Ste C</b>	CITY <b>Santa Cruz</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>	ZIP CODE <b>95060</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☐ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity


**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

- |   |                              |         |
|---|------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$                           |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$                           |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$                           | 0.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee  |                              |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)   |                              |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |                              |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |                              |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$                           | 0.00    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   | Check 318754 Receipt #460865 | 50.00   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CDFW fee for NOD  | Check 318753 Receipt #460866 | 2968.75 |

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash    ☐ Credit    ☒ Check    ☐ Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 3018.75**

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>Lori Welch Bettencourt, Admin. Aide</b>
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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

**NOTICE**

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

**COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE**

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

**COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):**

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

**Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))**

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

**The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:**

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

**DOCUMENT RETENTION**

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

**RECEIPT NUMBER**

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

**DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.**

**Mail to:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Accounting Services Branch  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, California 94244-2090