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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
Attn: Juliette Rezzato
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Project Name: Redman-Hirahara House Historic Inventory Delisting

Project Location: 320 Lee Road

Assessor Parcel No.: 052-271-04

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz

Project Description: The Redman-Hirahara House will be delisted from the Santa Cruz County Historic Inventory because of severe deterioration of the structure.

Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Mark Connolly

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Date Completed: 7/07/25

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on August 5, 2025 and 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:** N/A

Reasons why the project is exempt:

CEQA Guidelines 15064.5a.2, states, "a structure included in a local register is presumed to be historical or culturally significant unless the preponderance of evidence demonstrates otherwise." In this case, the preponderance of evidence is the combination of the building inspection and architectural historian reports on file, which conclude that the structure has lost its historical or cultural significance, is uninhabitable and dangerous. These two reports constitute the "preponderance of evidence" and so would be the basis in which the delisting and demolition or its removal could be exempt from CEQA. The Exemption is based on CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3).

Signature: 
Title: Historic Resources Planner

Date: 8/20/2025