CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Santa Cruz County Planning Division has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

Application Number: 251240
Assessor Parcel Number: 062-071-18
Project Location: 2309 Empire Grade, Santa Cruz CA 95060

Project Description: Install a solar array and battery storage system

Person or Agency Proposing Project: Nathaniel Miller

Contact Phone Number: (831) 469-8888

A. _____ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

B. _____ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).

C. _____ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.

D. _____ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

E. X Categorical Exemption

Specify type: Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Section 15303)

F. Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project includes the installation of a 507 square foot ground mounted solar array and battery storage system. The structure is accessory and appurtenant to the primary use of the site, which is a single-family residence.

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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