Notice of Exemption

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From: Soquel Union Elementary School District
620 Monterey Ave
Capitola, CA 95010
Attn: Alison Warner, Assistant
Superintendent Business Services

Project Title: Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School Field, Track, and Amphitheater Project
Project Location - Specific: 8005 Winkle Ave
Santa Cruz, CA 95065
Project Location: Unincorporated Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project involves the renovation of the field, and surrounding area, located on the existing campus of Santa Cruz Gardens Elementary School ("Elementary School") in the unincorporated portion of County of Santa Cruz. Specifically, the Project consists of the conversion of the existing grass field to an artificial turf surface and the installation of a track and scoreboard. The Project also includes the installation of an amphitheater, and the development of a new parking lot and fire road. Related site work, minor grading, landscaping, utilities and related improvements are also part of the Project scope. The Project does not contemplate any new uses of the Elementary School. This Project will provide enhanced safety conditions and accessibility for users of the field and will generally benefit District students and the local community. The Elementary School campus and field will have substantially the same purpose and capacity upon the completion of the Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Soquel Union Elementary School District
Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: Soquel Union Elementary School District
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: **Class 1: Sec. 15301; Class 2: Sec. 15302; Class 3: Sec. 15303; Class 4: 15304; Class 11: 15311; Class 14: Sec. 15314; Class 23: Sec. 15323**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- ☒ Other. Common Sense Exemption: **Sec. 15061(b)(3)**

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt:
Class 1 (Sec. 15301): The proposed Project includes the minor alteration, i.e., modernization, of existing facilities on the existing campus, and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 2 (Sec. 15302): The proposed Project includes the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities on the same site. Class 3 (Sec. 15303): The proposed Project includes the construction of small facilities and structures. Class 4 (Sec. 15304): The proposed Project includes the minor alteration of the condition of land without the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Class 11 (Sec. 15311): The proposed Project includes the construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing facilities. Class 14 (Sec. 15314): The proposed Project would be located within an existing school campus, and will not increase original student capacity by more than 10 classrooms or 25 percent. Class 23 (Sec. 15323): The proposed Project consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed. Common Sense Exemption: It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed Project involves any activity that may have a significant effect on the environment.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____