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: 251304
Assessor Parcel Number: 037-034-01
Project Location: 3740 Hardin Way, Soquel CA 95073

Project Description: Proposal to reconstruct approximately 105 linear-feet of retaining walls, with a maximum height of 8.5 feet, within the front and side yard setbacks. A portion of these improvements will be constructed within a private right-of-way, and on a neighboring parcel to the north (APN 040-441-10). Requires an Administrative Site Development Permit.

Person or Agency Proposing Project: Coleman Lyles

Contact Phone Number: (831) 234-6688

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 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302)

F. Reasons why the project is exempt:

Replacement of an existing retaining wall structure, where the resulting structure will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the existing structure being replaced.

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

Michael Lam
Michael Lam, Project Planner

Date: December 02, 2025