

# 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: 251323  
Assessor Parcel Number: 043-095-30  
Project Location: 343 Beach Drive, Aptos, CA 95003

**Project Description: Proposal to recognize the construction of approximately 45 linear feet of 8-foot-tall concrete retaining wall and approximately 48 linear feet of 4-foot-tall debris wall behind an existing single-family dwelling. Requires a Coastal Development Permit.**

**Person or Agency Proposing Project: Johnette Besseling**

**Contact Phone Number: (831) 425-3901**

- 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.  **Categorical Exemption**

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

**F. Reasons why the project is exempt:**

Construction of a residential accessory structure (retaining wall) in an area designated for residential uses.

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

Signed by:  
  
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 Michael Lam, Project Planner

Date: 1/16/2026