

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
**Notice of Exemption**

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From: City of Santa Cruz Water Department, 212 Locust Street, Suite C, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Project Title: 2026 Loch Lomond Alum Application

Project Address: 100 Loch Lomond Way, Felton, CA 95018  
Assessor's 076-251-24  
Parcel No.: 090-091-01  
092-011-01

Project Location: City of: Unincorporated Area County of: Santa Cruz

**Project Description:**

The City of Santa Cruz Water Department (City) will apply approximately 50,000 gallons of liquid aluminum sulfate (alum) to Newell Creek Reservoir in order to strip approximately 1,100 lbs of phosphorus (P) from the water column and improve water quality by controlling algal growth, reducing chlorophyll-a levels and increasing water clarity.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Santa Cruz Water Department

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Cruz

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (Sec. 15301 - Existing Facilities);
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

This project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15301 - Existing Facilities, for routine maintenance activities that do not result in a serious or major disturbance of an environmental resource.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Zeke Bean Phone: (831) 420-5478

Department: City of Santa Cruz Water Department Address: 212 Locust St., Suite C,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Signature:  Date: 03/23/2026

Signed by Lead Agency

Title: Associate Planner II  Signed by Applicant

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

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