



# County of Santa Cruz

## Department of Community Development and Infrastructure

701 Ocean Street, Fourth Floor, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
Planning (831) 454-2580      Public Works (831) 454-2160  
sccoplanning.com              dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Clerk of the Board  
Attn: Juliette Rezzato  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Project Name:** Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update

**Project Locations and Assessor Parcel No:** Countywide

**Project Applicant:** County of Santa Cruz Office of Response, Recovery & Resilience

**Project Description:**

Adoption of the Santa Cruz County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) 2025 Update provides a comprehensive strategy to reduce the impacts of natural hazards such as earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, landslides, and severe weather events. The Plan serves as a five-year roadmap for coordinated hazard mitigation actions among Santa Cruz County and its planning partners. The Plan includes a countywide risk assessment and mitigation strategy and identifies 190 mitigation actions to reduce hazard risks across the Santa Cruz County planning area.

**Agency Approving Project:** County of Santa Cruz

**County Contact:** Clare Peabody

Telephone No. (831) 454-2100

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors has approved the above-described project on April 28, 2026, and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

Exempt status: (*check one*)

- The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- The proposed activity is exempt from CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).
- Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

- Categorical Exemption**  
Class 6 Information Collection

**Reasons why the project is exempt:**

The MJHMP is primarily a planning, policy, and coordination document, which does not directly result in reasonable foreseeable environmental impacts. The preparation and adoption of an MJHMP primarily involves policy development, risk assessment, and identification of potential mitigation strategies rather than the approval or implementation of specific construction projects. Implementation of future mitigation strategies would be subject to separate environmental review for impacts under CEQA. In addition, the MJHMP also involves the collection of information and data in a single source document for coordination between the participating jurisdictions. Based on these exemptions, the Project will not result in environmental impacts, and no further environmental review is required.

DocuSigned by:  
Signature: Stephanie Hansen  
A34588E78B3343D...

Date: 4/28/2026

Title: Environmental Coordinator