

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

EXHIBIT "D"

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Watsonville
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Santa Cruz County
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FILE NO.: PP2026-10151

Project Title: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District Bus Parking Lot

Project Location - Specific: 809 West Beach Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville

Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project proposes to establish a local transit use for a bus parking lot. This includes improvements to the lot such as restriping and adding new lighting and cameras.

Name of Public agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Freddy Rocha, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060

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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt: This project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301(a) of the *State CEQA Guidelines*. The establishment of a bus parking lot on a fully paved lot previously occupied by a contractor's yard is considered a change of use but not an expansion. The subject site is not environmentally sensitive.

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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

Signature:  **Date:** 05/27/26 **Title:** CDD Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code