

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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Clerk of the Board
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street, Room 500
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

FROM: City of Watsonville
Community Development Dept
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Project Title: Ramsay Park Nature and Family Center Educational Exhibits Project

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at 1301 Main Street in the City of Watsonville.

Project Location - City: City of Watsonville

Project Location- County: County of Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Watsonville Wetlands Watch and the City of Watsonville are establishing a new Nature Center within the building formerly called the Ramsay Park Family Center located at 1301 Main Street in the City of Watsonville. The proposed project includes design, fabrication, and installation of educational exhibits related to environmental education, nature, cultural history, local wetlands, and related topics within the new Ramsay Park Nature and Family Center. A wall mural highlighting environmental stewardship and California native peoples will be installed on the exterior wall of the Nature and Family Center. All other exhibits will be constructed within the interior of the existing building structure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Watsonville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Watsonville Wetlands Watch and City of Watsonville


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: §15301(a) Class 1
 Statutory Exemption: State code number:
 Other: §15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

Reasons why the project is exempt: The proposed project involves minor alterations to an existing structure including installation of educational exhibits primarily within and immediately adjacent to the building which involve no expansion of existing or former use. In addition, these minor alterations within an existing building will not cause a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment.

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Signature:  **Date:** 05.27.2026 **Title:** CDD Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant