

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

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Project Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Project Title: Highland Tank Replacement Project (Project)

Project Location: East side of Highland Drive, north of Debbie Drive, Boulder Creek

Project County: Santa Cruz

Project Description: Replacement of temporary polyethylene water tanks, installed to replace original leaking redwood tank with larger fire-resistant steel tank that provides increased water supply storage capacity and fire flows for the existing service area, with no expansion of service, to address ongoing drought and fire risk.

Public Agency Approving the Project: State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

This is to advise that the State Water Board has issued a permit amendment for the above-described Project on October 14, 2026. A record of approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Drinking Water district office listed above.

STATUTORY EXEMPTION STATUS:

Emergency Projects Cal. Code of Regs., section 15269(a), (b), or (c)

Reason Why the Project Is Exempt: The Emergency Project Statutory Exemption 15269(c) applies to this project because the project is being undertaken to prepare for and mitigate future emergencies similar to those that have occurred in the project vicinity in the past five years. In 2020, the CZU Lightning Fire resulted in a declared emergency, and in 2021, a statewide emergency was declared due to drought. The

exemption applies to projects that address events that have a reasonable probability of happening in the short-term.

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