

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
820 Bay Ave, Suite 136
Capitola, CA 95010

Office of the Clerk
County of Santa Benito
70 440 Fifth Street, Second Floor, Room 206
Hollister, CA 95023

Project Title: Implementation Projects on Livestock Facilities to Reduce Fecal Coliform and Sediment Pollution (Pajaro Watershed Livestock and Land Program)

Project Locations – Specific Projects will be implemented on a maximum of 10 properties located within rural residential areas, agricultural lands, and/or forest lands in South Santa Cruz County within the Pajaro River watershed.

Project Locations – City: Unincorporated **Project Locations - County:** Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: This project works with local livestock owners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their private property. The BMPs focus on improving water quality by addressing manure and erosion management. These implementation projects will result in a decrease of nutrients, sediments and pathogens making their way into area waterways. The types of BMPs to be implemented at these locations are paddock covers, roof runoff structures (gutter & downspouts), subsurface drain (french drain), structures for water control (dissipaters), heavy use area protection (surface treatment), waste storage (concrete manure bunkers and compost bins), filter strips (hedgerows, grassed waterways, etc) and fencing.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County.

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 (Sec. 15301 Class 1; 15303 Class 3; 15304 Class 4; 15333 Class 33)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.

Reasons why project is exempt: None of the projects will affect sensitive areas or resources. Most of the projects are expected to be on private property, will not have a negative effect on endangered and/or threatened species habitat and will not include wetlands restoration or disturbance. All of the projects have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and therefore shall be exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Angie Gruys, Program Specialist, RCD of Santa Cruz County **Telephone:** 831-464-2950 x22

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: [Signature] Date: 4/9/19 Title: Executive Director

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
- Signed by Applicant

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