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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Clerk of the Board
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Project Name: Single-use Disposable Cup Ordinance

Project Location: County-wide (unincorporated only)

Assessor Parcel No.: N/A

Project Applicant: County of Santa Cruz Department of Public Works

Project Description: Adoption of an ordinance requiring a \$.25 charge for all single use disposable cups when hot or cold beverages are sold

Agency

Approving Project: County of Santa Cruz

County Contact: Tim Goncharoff

Telephone No. 831-454-2160

Date Completed:

This is to advise that the County of Santa Cruz (*insert County decision-making body*) has approved the above described project on _____ (date) 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 8 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment

Reasons why the project is exempt:

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and protect the environment by reducing waste, litter and pollution. The County of Santa Cruz has an obligation to protect the environment, the economy, and public health. The County of Santa Cruz has an official Zero Waste goal, which is to be reached by waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting. The County of Santa Cruz is situated at the edge of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Material which is littered or otherwise deposited improperly in the County can find its way into the Monterey Bay and can negatively impact the marine environment and sea life. Single use disposable cups are a major contributor to street litter, ocean pollution, marine and other wildlife harm and greenhouse gas emissions. The production, consumption and disposal of single use cups contributes significantly to the depletion of natural resources. Litter in waterways and oceans breaks down into smaller pieces that are not biodegradable and are present in most of the world's oceans. Some single use cups can contain harmful fluorinated chemicals which are linked to serious health conditions. Adoption of this ordinance is categorically exempt under Section 15308, as an action taken by a regulatory agency to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signature: _____

[Handwritten Signature]
Date: 10/8/19

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Title: Environmental Coordinator

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