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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA
Environmental Coordination and Review

APRIL 22, 2020

1. **Project Name:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 6.100 TO THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW BUILDINGS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.
2. **Project Location:** SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA (Citywide)
3. **Project Description:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 6.100 TO THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW BUILDINGS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 (with limited exceptions) in order to [1] Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, [2] improve indoor air quality and [3] increase public safety by reducing the potential for natural gas leaks along the supply chain.
4. **Public Agency Approving Project:** SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL
5. **Project Sponsor:** CITY OF SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. **CEQA Exemption Status:** Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308

7. **Reasons for Exemption:** The Ordinance is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance will protect and enhance the environment and SANTA CRUZ'S natural resources by prohibiting natural gas infrastructure and requiring new buildings use electric fuel only (with limited exceptions) in order to [1] Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, [2] improve indoor air quality and [3] increase public safety by reducing the potential for natural gas leaks along the supply chain.

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