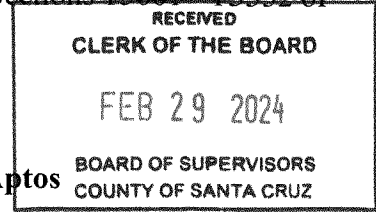


**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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The Santa Cruz County Planning Department has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.



Application Number: **231337**  
Assessor Parcel Number: **053-131-32 & 108-091-11**  
Project Location: **Willow Canyon & King Ecological Reserve Units in Aptos**

**Project Description: Proposal to remove eucalyptus, acacia and Monterey pine trees within the reserve boundary.**

**Person or Agency Proposing Project: California Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Service (CDFW)**

**Contact Phone Number: Terris Kasteen**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060 (c).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285).

Specify type:

E.   X   **Categorical Exemption**

Specify type: Minor Alterations to Land

F. **Reasons why the project is exempt:**

Minor alteration to landscaped area (tree removal) within an existing residential/agricultural area.

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

RL  
Robert Loveland, Project Planner

Date: 2-28-24

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