

**Notice of Exemption**

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From: (Public Agency)  
Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission  
701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

To:  Clerk of the Board  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz CA 95060

**Project Title:** Service and Sphere of Influence Review for the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County ("RCD")

**Project Location:** The District was formed in 1977 to help people protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance programs. The District encompasses the unincorporated county lands as well as the City of Capitola. The Cities of Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville are excluded from RCD's jurisdictional boundary. RCD's service area includes approximately 419 square miles. A vicinity map depicting the District's jurisdictional and sphere boundaries is attached (refer to **Attachment A**).

**Project Location City:** N/A **Project Location County:** Santa Cruz County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The report is for use by the Local Agency Formation Commission in conducting a statutorily required review and update process. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act requires that the Commission conduct periodic reviews and updates of spheres of influence of all cities and districts in Santa Cruz County (Government Code section 56425). It also requires LAFCO to conduct a review of municipal services before adopting sphere updates (Government Code section 56430). Santa Cruz LAFCO has prepared a municipal service review, and sphere of influence update for the RCD. The purpose of the report is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public services by the District, in accordance with the statutory requirements outlined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County. The LAFCO public hearing on this proposal is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 7, 2020.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation Commission

**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: State type and section number
- Statutory Exemptions: State code number
- Other: The activity is not a project subject to CEQA.

**Reason Why Project is Exempt:** The LAFCO action does not change the services or the planned service area of the Pajaro Valley Public Cemetery District. There is no possibility that the activity may have a significant impact on the environment--State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

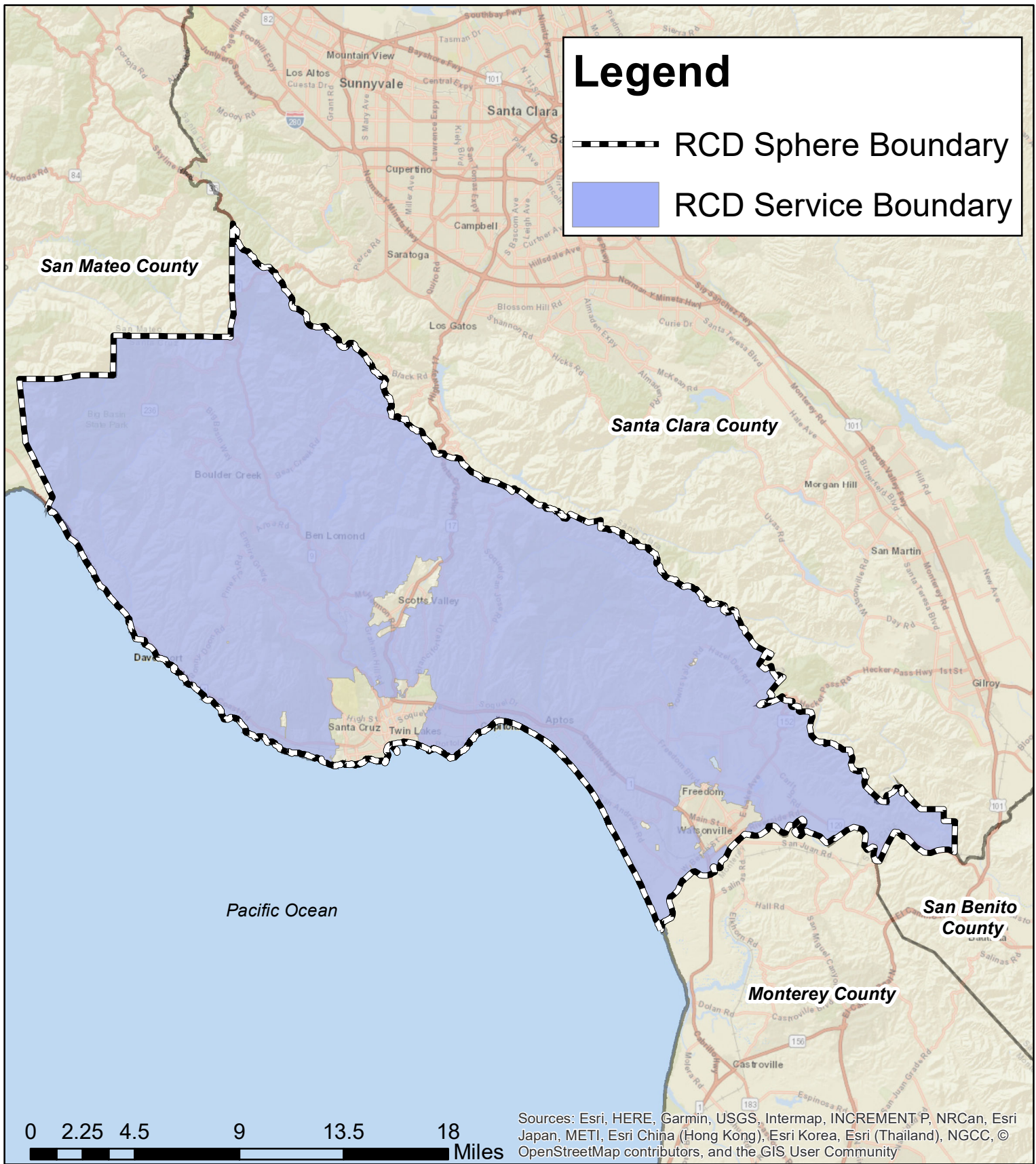
**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Joe A. Serrano

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**Signature:**   
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

**Date:** September 14, 2020

Signed by Lead Agency



# Legend

--- RCD Sphere Boundary

■ RCD Service Boundary

0 2.25 4.5 9 13.5 18 Miles

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## Resource Conservation District Service and Sphere Boundaries

Original Sphere of Influence adopted on December 19, 1983  
 Reaffirmation of sphere on August 5, 2015  
 Sphere of Influence reaffirmed on October 7, 2020