

Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
Commission 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento CA 95814

From: (Public Agency)
Santa Cruz Local Agency Formation
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: "Central & Aptos/La Selva Fire Consolidation" (LAFCO Project No. DC 20-02)

Project Location: The subject area encompasses 55 square miles, is inhabited, and is located east of the City of Santa Cruz and west of the City of Watsonville. The consolidation including the communities of Capitola, Live Oak, Soquel, Aptos, Rio Del Mar, and La Selva Beach. Attached is a vicinity map of the subject territory. Attached is a vicinity map of the subject area (refer to **Attachment A**).

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: A consolidation is being proposed by Central and Aptos/La Selva FPDs following the adoption of two substantially similar resolutions. The proposal area involves the existing jurisdictional boundaries of both fire districts, which encompasses approximately 25,000 acres and includes over 30,000 parcels. The applicants are not proposing any additional changes to their boundaries other than consolidating both districts into a new single "successor" agency.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County ("Santa Cruz LAFCO"). A public hearing on this proposal is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 4, 2020. Additional information on the upcoming meeting is available on the LAFCO website.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Cruz LAFCO

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: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15320, Class 20(b): Changes in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised, including but not limited to consolidation of two or more districts having identical powers.

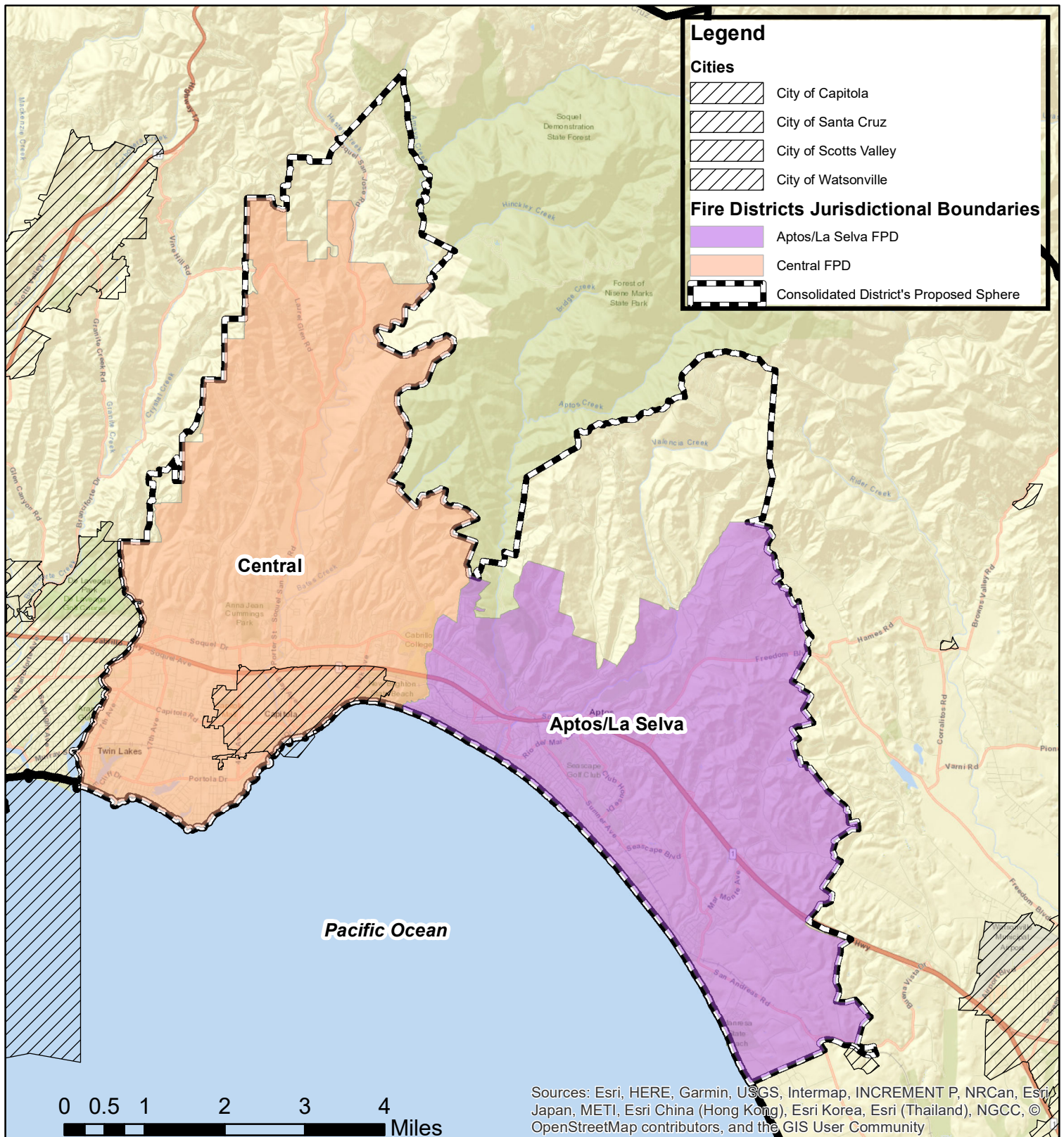
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Signature: 
Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

Date: October 8, 2020

☒ Signed by Lead Agency



LAFCO
Santa Cruz County, California

Proposed "Central & Aptos/La Selva Fire Consolidation" (LAFCO Project No. DC 20-02)

Consolidation Application submitted on December 30, 2019

Vicinity Map developed on January 9, 2020