

Notice of Exemption

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

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: Countywide Fire Protection Service and Sphere Review

Project Location: The 13 local agencies that provide fire protection services in Santa Cruz County are Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District (FPD), Ben Lomond FPD, Boulder Creek FPD, Branciforte FPD, Central Fire District, Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville, County Service Areas 4 and 48, Felton FPD, Pajaro Valley FPD, Scotts Valley FPD, and Zayante FPD. A vicinity map depicting the jurisdictional boundaries for each district 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 13 local agencies. The purpose of the report is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of public services by the agencies, 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 13, 2021.

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 City. There is no possibility that the activity may have a significant impact on the environment--State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

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Signature: 

Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer

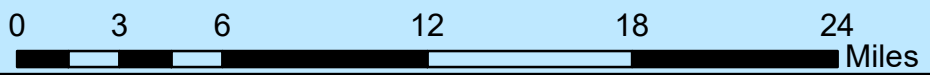
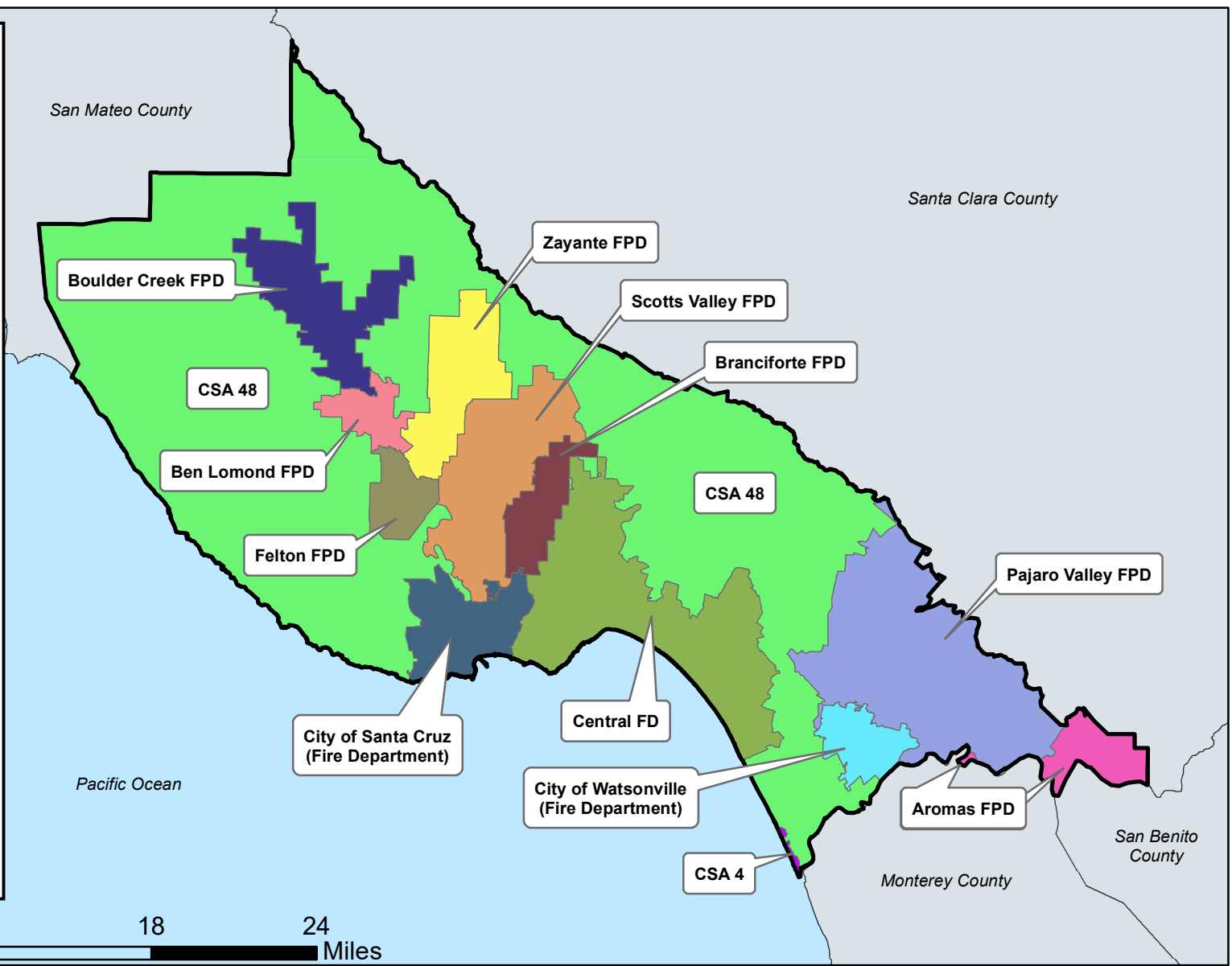
Date: September 13, 2021

Signed by Lead Agency

Legend

Fire Service Areas

- Aromas FPD
- Ben Lomond FPD
- Boulder Creek FPD
- Branciforte FPD
- CSA 4 (Pajaro Dunes)
- CSA 48 (County Fire)
- Central FD
- City of Santa Cruz
- City of Watsonville
- Felton FPD
- Pajaro Valley FPD
- Scotts Valley FPD
- Zayante FPD



Countywide Service and Sphere Review for Fire Protection Services (13 Fire Agencies)

Vicinity map created on June 24, 2021