

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Junction City Elementary School District
430 Red Hill Road
Junction City, CA 96048

Project Title: Junction City ESD Well Replacement

Project Location - Specific: The project site is accessed from Red Hill Road.
The approximate latitude and longitude are 40°43'57.3"N and 123°03'26.9"W, respectively.

Project Location - City: Junction City, CA **Project Location - County:** Trinity County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Please refer to the attached Exhibit "A"

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Junction City Elementary School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Junction City Elementary School District

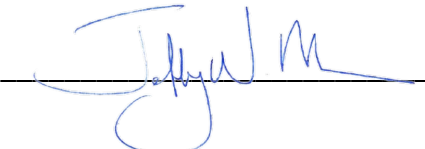
Exempt Status:

- 15269 (b)** - Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare.
- 15282 (k)** - The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.
- 15282(m)** – Minor alterations to utilities made for the purposes of complying with Sections 116410 and 116415 of the Health and Safety Code as set forth in Section 21080.26 of the Public Resources Code.

Reasons why project is exempt: Please refer to the attached Exhibit "A"

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EXHIBIT "A"
JUNCTION CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WELL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Junction City Elementary School (JCESD) currently has 75 students and 19 staff members on site on any given school day. Special events can add up to 449 people on campus using the facilities. Junction City ESD well system was installed circa 1990.

The current JCESD well site is at risk for intrusion by the shifting flow of both the Trinity River and also the changing outflow from Canyon Creek which now enters the Trinity River upriver from the well site. Out of concern for the integrity of the well site and operation, the school is taking proactive measures to ensure continued potable water delivery to the campus.

The new proposed site will be located further away from the river and has been determined by the CA Department F&W that no streambed alteration permit would be required for the proposed site.

It is expected that this new location will serve JCESD well into the future.

The following are the major Project components as shown in Figure 1:

Relocation of one of the two wells for the Junction City Elementary School. Excavation will be required to expose PVC discharge piping and electrical conduits in preparation for well removal and relocation.

Further excavation will be performed to allow for the removal of the old well casing and for its re-installation further from the river (approximately 90ft away). Once the well casing is relocated and the common piping connections re-established the excavations will be back filled and leveled.

Proper "well seals" will be installed in accordance with building code standards. Before putting the well back into full service, it will be "proven" to assure proper water quality and full functionality of the well system. During this phase, the water will be temporarily discharged to grade and not to the river itself. At no time will the river or river bank immediately adjacent to the river, be disturbed or altered.

LOCATION

The Project site is located at Junction City Elementary School's campus at 430 Red Hill Road, Junction City, CA 96048. The project site is accessed from Red Hill Road. The approximate latitude and longitude are 40°43'57.3"N and 123°03'26.9"W, respectively.

REASONS FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION

CEQA allows certain government actions to proceed without further CEQA review if that type of action has been previously determined not to have a significant impact on the environment. Actions defined in a Categorical Exemption may be subject to further environmental review in the case of extraordinary circumstances under exemptions under CEQA. (14 CCR § 15061(b); 14 CCR § 15300.2.)

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 identifies that Section 21084 of the State of California Public Resources Code requires that the CEQA Guidelines "include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. "

In response to that mandate, the Secretary for Resources has found that various classes of projects "do not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents."

Review of the 32 classes has led to a determination that the proposed Project would be categorically exempt under three classes – Emergency Repairs, Replacement or Reconstruction, and Minor Alterations to Utilities. For each class, discussion of applicable "examples" sited in the CEQA Guidelines is provided explaining why the proposed project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA.

15269. Emergency Repairs

15269(b) states that an exemption may be granted due to *"Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare."*

The proposed project will remedy a situation that will soon impact essential public health, safety and welfare, specifically of Junction City Elementary School students and staff.

15282. Replacement or Reconstruction

15282 (k) states that an exemption may be granted in the case of *"The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length."*

The proposed project will almost exclusively consist of the installation of new well and/or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal or demolition of an existing pipeline servicing Junction City Elementary School to ensure services to meet the capacity at or just above the existing use.

15282. Minor Alterations to Utilities

15282(m) states that an exemption may be granted for *"Minor alterations to utilities made for the purposes of complying with Sections 116410 and 116415 of the Health and Safety Code as set forth in Section 21080.26 of the Public Resources Code."*

From a system standpoint, this is a minor alteration to the schools existing infrastructure.