

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Co. Planning Dept.
P.O. Box 530
Downieville, CA 95936

And
 County Clerk
County of Sierra



Project Title: Tschopp Mutual Water Co-Zone Variance/Conditional Use Permit

Project Location – Specific: 521 Main Street, Sierra City, CA and Lot 4, Tschopp subdivision (4-MS-56)

Project Location – City: Sierra City Project Location – County: Sierra

Project Description:

Improvements to an existing small water system, including: three (3) new/replacement 4,500-gal. above-ground water tanks, new pipeline within an existing roadway, and installation of chlorination equipment within an existing 8'x8' storage shed. The facilities serve both the Tschopp Mutual Water Co. and Maple Grove Water Co., which are both classified as private, "state small water systems".

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Sierra

Name of Person, Address and Phone Number
or Agency Carrying Out Project: Tschopp Mutual Water Co Agent: Glen Cornell
P. O. Box 282 Sierra City, CA 96125 (925) 784-1777

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: 15301-15305 (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21080.47

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the minor alteration of existing structures or facilities; and/or the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and/or the new construction or location of small facilities or structures that are smaller than a typical single family residence; the construction of a water main utility extension; and/or grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent (at the tank location), plus minor trenching and backfilling for the pipeline; and/or minor alterations in land use/setback limitations (yard setback zone variances for the tanks and existing chlorinator building). The project is not subject to any of the 'exceptions' listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 which preclude the use of these categorical exemptions in this area. Furthermore, the project is eligible for a Statutory Exemption from CEQA under California Senate Bill 974 (Public Resources Code §21080.47; Hurtado, 2020).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brandon Pangman Area Code/Telephone: (530) 289-3251

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: April 15, 2021 Title: Dep. Planning Director

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: