

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Mendocino
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1020
Ukiah, CA 95482

From: (Public Agency): City of Fort Bragg
416 N Franklin
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
(Address)

Project Title: Fort Bragg Temporary Desalination Plant

Project Applicant: City of Fort Bragg Public Works Department

Project Location - Specific:
31301 Cedar Street

Project Location - City: Fort Bragg Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City is proposing the installation and operation of a temporary desalination (reverse osmosis) treatment system for the purpose of removing salinity from the Noyo River water source during high tide periods when river flows are low. The raw water from the Noyo River will be pumped to the treatment system, located at the water treatment plant, via existing infrastructure. After treatment of the saline water, the treated water will be discharged into the raw water ponds at the water plant. The surface water treatment plant will process the liquid prior to discharge to the distribution system. The brine will be discharged to a 4" lateral and commingled with the City's collection system discharge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fort Bragg

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John Smith, Public Works Director

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:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is exempt under emergency project section 15269(c), specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. As of April 21, 2021 Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency in Mendocino County due to drought conditions. Drought conditions have caused current water flows in the Noyo river to be historically low. As flows continue to decrease, tides over five feet contaminate the water supply. In order to mitigate said emergency, a portable desalination system would be added to existing water treatment system. Emergency projects such as the one proposed are exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Chantell O'Neal Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-961-2823 x 133

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: Chantell O'Neal Date: 7/27/2021 Title: Assistant Director, Engineering

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: