

## CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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County of Humboldt  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Water Treatment Plant Settling Basin Phase I and II

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Eureka Engineering Division of Public Works

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Water Treatment Plant at 3575 W Street, Eureka CA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project entails removing a current sedimentation structure (Phase I) and building a new settling basin (Phase II) at the Water Treatment Plant at 3575 W Street in the City of Eureka in Humboldt County, California.

Phase I work involves removing and disposing of internal mechanical equipment coated in lead-based paint, demolishing and removing the existing sedimentation unit, cutting and capping a waterline, hauling in aggregate base for Phase II, and removing three redwood trees. Phase II work involves developing a three-bay covered settling basin, paving for a new driveway and 6 new parking stalls, installing an oil/water separator, tying into an existing backflow preventer, and installing a water line extension with booster pump station.

Phase II requires the installation of 225 lineal feet of water pipeline by conventional trenching within a 2-foot-wide trench at a depth of 4-foot minimum to 5-foot maximum. All trenching will occur within the property limits of the Water Treatment Plant. A total of approximately 70 cubic yard of material will be excavated and temporarily stockpiled adjacent to the trench. The

bottom 6 inches of the trench will be bedded with compacted class 2 aggregate base, and then the excavated material, along with the pipe, will be placed back into the trench. The disturbed area will be hydroseeded and excess spoils will be hauled offsite at the end of the project and disposed of at a permitted disposal site, to be approved by the City prior to the start of construction.

Phase I of the project is planned to start in March 2022 and last for one month. Phase II is planned to start in July 2022 and last until the end of December 2022 (approximately 6 months).

Typical construction equipment to be used for both phases of this project include one or more of the following: back hoe, excavator, skid steer, flat bed delivery truck, dump truck, paver, compactor, sweeper and water truck. During construction, the contractor will be required to employ standard best management practices to ensure minimal disruption and to minimize environmental impacts. A dust control and noise reduction plan will be provided by the contractor and approved by the City. Erosion control will be implemented per an Erosion Control Plan developed by the contractor and approved by the City, and cleanup of the construction site at the end of each day such that the site is maintained in an orderly fashion will be required.

**EXEMPTION FINDINGS:** The City of Eureka as Lead Agency has determined that the above described activity is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Lead Agency has further determined that the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a Class I categorical exemption (Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines), which exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The project meets this exemption because it involves the maintenance and minor alteration of an existing facility, the Water Treatment Plant, with no expansion of use. Further, the Lead Agency has determined that use of these categorical exemptions is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The material supporting the above finding is on file with the City of Eureka's Engineering Division of Public Works. Copies of the documents related to the evaluation of this project are available for review upon request at the City of Eureka, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

  
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