

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Redding
Public Works Department
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County of Shasta
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Project Title: Codigestion/Biogas Project JO# 2637-10

Project Location – Specific: 2220 Metz Road

Project Location – City: Redding Project Location – County: Shasta

Description of Project: The City of Redding will construct a project at the Clear Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (CCWWTP) to allow the codigestion of organics within the existing anaerobic digesters. The system would process the organics through both new and existing equipment, then inject the methane gas into the on-site PG&E line. Work would include the installation of two 15,000 gallon receiving tanks, a positive displacement pump, dual membrane gas conditioning system, as well as all associated piping and electrical equipment. Construction will occur within the existing CCWWTP facility and will involve earthwork; trenching; installation of subsurface utilities; modification of existing equipment; construction of concrete pads, small structures, and enclosures.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Josh Vandiver, Wastewater Utility Manager

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15601[b](3)).
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15301(b) Existing Facilities, & Sec. 15303(d) New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within an exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6, or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 56962.5 (“Cortese List”)
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 exemptions include minor alteration of existing public facilities and equipment. Class 3 exemptions include the construction of new small facilities or structures, and installation of new equipment. The project will result in negligible or no expansion of use, and a limited amount of new equipment and structures will be constructed. The project has been reviewed for sensitive resources and will not have a significant effect on biological or cultural resources such as threatened or endangered species or their habitats, sensitive vegetation communities, tribal lands, or tribal cultural resources. The project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley

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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: Amber Kelley

Date: May 11, 2022

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant