

Notice of Categorical Exemption

The City of Shasta Lake proposes to carry out the following project. It has been determined that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Project Title: Establishment of In-Lieu Tree Replacement Mitigation Fee and Program Pursuant to Shasta Lake Municipal Code (SLMC) Title 12, Section 12.36.075.C.

Project Applicant: City of Shasta Lake
4477 Main St.
Shasta Lake, CA 96019

Project Location: City-wide

Date of Approval: 7/5/2022

Notice provided to:

Shasta County Clerk- Recorder
1643 Market St.
Redding, CA 96001

California Office of Planning and Research
Via ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECT:

Section 12.36.075.C "Alternative mitigation for tree replacement including payment of contribution in-lieu of tree planting" of the Municipal Code establishes the authority to adopt an "In-Lieu Tree Mitigation Contribution" to aide development projects in satisfying tree planting mitigation standards. The ordinance allows alternatives to on-site replacement tree-planting upon a finding that the alternate measure is consistent with the purpose and goals of the ordinance. In-lieu contributions will be collected prior to tree removal, after approval for use by the permitting authority. The City will utilize these funds to purchase, plant, maintain and monitor trees on public lands, or on private lands where appropriate protections have been established.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Establishment of this program is a planning activity that is categorically exempt under Title 14 of the Cal. Admin. Code Section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies), and on a separate and independent basis is covered by CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment."

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

This planning activity is categorically exempt under Title 14 of the Cal. Admin. Code Section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies), and on a separate and independent basis is covered by CEQA Guidelines Section 15308, "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment." It can be seen with certainty that the adoption of the mitigation fee will not have a significant effect on the environment. The adoption of the fee and planting program is for the purpose of environmental protection and restoration, and it is not a commitment to any future action, nor is it a decision to approve, adopt, or fund any of the potential mitigation actions which may be.

- No exceptions listed under Section 15300.2 apply

This Notice of Exemption is filed pursuant to the provisions of Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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