

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**From:** Junction City Elementary School District  
430 Red Hill Road  
Junction City, CA 96048

**Project Title:** Junction City ESD - Planning and Design for a future Filtration and Treatment System Upgrade

**Project Location - Specific:** The project site is accessed from Red Hill Road. The approximate latitude and longitude are 40°44'02.5"N and 123°03'34.6"W, respectively.

**Project Location - City:** Junction City, CA **Project Location - County:** Trinity County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**  
Please refer to the attached Exhibit "A"

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Junction City Elementary School District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Junction City Elementary School District

**Exempt Status:**

*Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15306 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.*

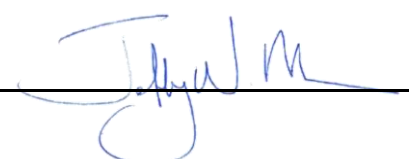
*Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 § 15262 states that a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors.*

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Please refer to the attached Exhibit "A"

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**Date:** September 08, 2022

**EXHIBIT "A"**  
**JUNCTION CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR**  
**WATER FILTRATION AND TREATMENT PROJECT**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Junction City Elementary School (JCESD) currently has 65 students and 20 staff members on site on any given school day. Special events can add up to 449 people on campus using the facilities. Junction City ESD well system was installed circa 1990 and recently updated (2019).

Due to the nature of the Trinity River influenced water source, the current JCESD well site provides adequate water quantity but the quality needs additional filtration and treatment to ensure it is potable for consumption.

The current filtration and treatment system is approaching 30 years of age, which poses increasing risk for imminent failure. Additionally, there is currently no backup power source for the system, further posing a risk to this essential community facility, which also serves as a Red Cross / Community Center during wildfires and other emergency events.

This project consists of planning and design only, for a future project. The future project will include an upgrade the current system while also providing a propane fueled generator power backup to ensure consistent operation during emergency events.

It is expected that this upgraded system will serve JCESD well into the future.

**LOCATION**

The Project site is located at Junction City Elementary School's campus at 430 Red Hill Road, Junction City, CA 96048. The project site is accessed from Red Hill Road. The approximate latitude and longitude are 40°44'02.5"N and 123°03'34.6"W, respectively.

## **REASONS FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION**

CEQA allows certain government actions to proceed without further CEQA review if that type of action has been previously determined not to have a significant impact on the environment. Actions defined in a Categorical Exemption may be subject to further environmental review in the case of extraordinary circumstances under exemptions under CEQA. (14 CCR § 15061(b); 14 CCR § 15300.2.)

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 identifies that Section 21084 of the State of California Public Resources Code requires that the CEQA Guidelines "include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. "

In response to that mandate, the Secretary for Resources has found that various classes of projects "do not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents."

Review of the 32 classes has led to a determination that the proposed Project would be categorically exempt under the following two classifications:

### **Class 6 Categorical Exemptions (Section 15306)**

**Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, sect. 15306** consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Since this project will consist of planning and design only, the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt under section 15306.

### **Feasibility and Planning Studies (Section 15262)**

**Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 § 15262** states that a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or negative declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. The proposed planning and design project fits this criteria.