



675 Wildwood Avenue
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Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of Humboldt
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From: (Public Agency):
City of Rio Dell
675 Wildwood Avenue
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Project Title: City of Rio Dell Gateway Beautification – Clean California Grant.

Project Applicant: City of Rio Dell.

Project Location – City: This project will beautify the northern segment of Wildwood Avenue, the main street through the City of Rio Dell, from Elko Street to Belleview Avenue.

Project Location – County: Humboldt

Project Description: Existing unhealthy and dying trees in medians and landscaped areas will be removed, an adequately-sized planting hole will be excavated and filled with amended soil, and trees will be replanted that are sensitive to the town's character, drought-tolerant, low-maintenance, and aesthetically pleasing. The existing irrigation system will be modified to match the placement and water needs of the new trees. Near the southern end of the project, Memorial Park will be revitalized and enhanced with the addition of exercise equipment, including a push-up bar, a chin-up bar, and a sit-up bench.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rio Dell

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Rio Dell

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: Class 1, 3 & 4; § 15301, 15303 & 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number. _____
- Other:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is eligible for Class 1, 3 and 4 Categorical Exemptions per Sections 15301, 15303 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines as it involves the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure and consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees.

This NOE is consistent with the following code sections:

15301 Existing Facilities. Class 1 Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines consists of operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, licensing or minor alternation of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

The proposed project is located in existing public open space and proposes to replace existing unhealthy and dying trees in medians and landscaped areas. The replacement of the trees and the minor modifications to the irrigations system is considered an insignificant enhancement of the existing conditions.

15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. Class 3 Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the exterior of the structure.

The proposed project includes improvements to Memorial Park which will be revitalized and enhanced with the addition of exercise equipment, including a push-up bar, a chin-up bar, and a sit-up bench. These improvements are considered insignificant.

15304 Minor Alterations of Land. Class 4 of this code consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

This project does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature or scenic tress. The trees to be replaced are unhealthy and dying trees. The minor excavation required to provide suitable soils for healthy growth are considered minor alterations to the exiting tree wells. Drought tolerant landscaping and new trees would be installed as a result of this project.

Lead Agency: City of Rio Dell

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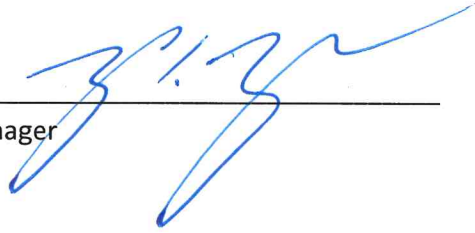
If filed by the applicant:

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: _____

Date: November 16, 2022

Title: City Manager



Date Sent/Received for filing at OPR: November 16, 2022

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