

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Mendocino County San Hedrin and Sanel Communications Site Hardening

Project Applicant: County of Mendocino, General Services Agency

Project Location - Specific: The County of Mendocino will improve resiliency of County communications equipment from hazard events via site improvements at two locations, which include (1) Mount San Hedrin located in northeast Mendocino County located at approximately 39.515921, -123.096128, and Mount Sanel located in southern Mendocino County located at approximately 38.948544, -123.2180393. This project will allow for County Communications, including mobile radios and microwave data links which provide internet connectivity at the County-owned sites, to continue functioning during disasters.

Project Location - City: Various Communities

Project Location - County: Mendocino County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project will allow the County of Mendocino to improve resiliency of County communications, including mobile radios and microwave data links which provide internet connectivity at County-owned sites, to continue functioning during disasters. This will improve the effectiveness of first responders in the field, including calls, serving all low- or moderate-income populations and the MID, by facilitating communications during events and improving the likelihood of successful disaster responses such as evacuation orders. Specifically, the site improvements include: (1) Sanel Site, the County will install new perimeter fencing and gates, new fireproofing on the roof of the existing equipment housing, and a new backup power generation system, including concrete pads, a new propane tank, and a new generator and transfer switch; (2) San Hedrin Site, the County will demolish an existing, end of life equipment shelter in the place of the demolished building, with upgraded electrical systems, a larger backup power system, and upgraded gas lines for the backup power system.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: MENDOCINO COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Mendocino County General Services Agency

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21070(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction of existing structures

Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves the improvement of the reliability and resiliency of the County's radio communication system equipment from hazard event via site improvements. The project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) which provides for interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing and electrical conveyances. The is also categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15302 under replacement and reconstruction as the project is an existing use of communication facilities and would involve the improvement and rehabilitation of said existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Doug Anderson, Assist. Facilities Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-234-6650

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:  Date: 12/19/2022 Title: Interim Assistant Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____