

Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): City of Arcata
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County of: Humboldt
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Project Title: Margaret Lane Trailhead Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Arcata

Project Location - Specific:

Margaret Lane, Arcata, CA 95524 - Section 34, Township 6N; Range 1E HB&M

Project Location - City: Arcata Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to improve a public trailhead access to the City's Sunny Brae Forest at Margaret Lane. The new 150' trail segment within the City's right-of-way will allow for equestrians, bicyclists and hikers with strollers to choose to bypass a steep concrete stairway in order to access the Arcata Community Forest trail system. The new segment will provide for a safer alternative for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists to enter the public road right of way. The project consists of installation of approximately 150 linear feet of trail surfacing with all season rock/gravel, a short retaining wall and installation of interpretive signage. The project will be constructed using hand tools and a low-impact mini-excavator. The project will benefit recreational users and the immediate neighborhood by improving access to existing trails from public road.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Arcata

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Arcata, Environmental Services Department

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: CEQA Guidelines Secs. 15301 & 15304
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Margaret Lane Trailhead Improvements involves minor improvements to an existing trailhead which will facilitate improved access to an existing trail system for cyclists, equestrians and pedestrians. The project project qualifies for an exemption under Class I Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301 (c)) due to the alteration/addition of a bicycle facility on an existing facility and also under Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15304 (c) (h)), which allows for the minor alterations in the condition of land that does not affect major vegetation or sensitive habitats.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Emily Sinkhorn, Environmental Services Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-822-8184

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: [Signature] Date: 2/15/23 Title: Environmental Services 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.

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