

CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Lloyd Building Emergency Demolition

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Eureka's City Manager's Office

PROJECT LOCATION: 211 5th Street (formerly known as 219 5th Street) (APN 001-103-004)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Eureka is undertaking an emergency demolition of a multi-story building, known as the Lloyd Building. During the December 20, 2022 M6.4 earthquake, the Lloyd Building sustained significant damage, in addition to historic damage to and deterioration of the structure. In consultation with a structural engineer, the City of Eureka determined the building to be a danger to passersby and first responders, necessitating its demolition.

EXEMPTION FINDINGS: The City of Eureka as Lead Agency has determined that the above described activity is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Lead Agency has further determined that the project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15269 (Emergency Projects), subdivision (a) of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts the demolition of property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code. This exemption allows for projects that will remove, destroy, or significantly alter a historical resource when that resource represents an imminent threat to the public of bodily harm or of damage to adjacent property.

The building is not included on the Local Register of Historic Places; and, although the building is over 50 years old and no historic resource assessment been completed to determine its

eligibility for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency for Humboldt County on December 20, 2022, pursuant to Section 8558(b) of the Government Code, and the building has been determined to be an eminent threat to the public as a result of the earthquake; therefore, demolition of the building qualifies for this exemption.

The material supporting the above finding is on file with the City of Eureka's City Manager's Office. Copies of the documents related to the evaluation of this project are available for review upon request at the City of Eureka, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501.



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Date