

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** City of Redding  
Public Works Department  
777 Cypress Avenue  
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Shasta County Clerk  
County of Shasta  
P.O. Box 990880, 1643 Market Street  
Redding, CA 96099-0880

**Project Title:** Redding Cultural Trail Overlook Project

**Project Location – Specific:** Riverside Drive at Benton Drive

**Project Location – City:** Redding

**Project Location – County:** Shasta

**Description of Project:** The City of Community Services Department will construct a cultural viewing and seating area overlooking the Sacramento River. The project is needed as this location is culturally significant to the native community and there are no other viewing areas in which to take in the beauty and history of this site. The project includes the installation of overhead shelters, benches, pavers, trash receptacles, interpretive panels, wayfinding signage, a bicycle rack, and planting of trees and native vegetation. Construction will involve earthwork, grading, trenching, and concrete work. All work will occur on City property and within the City Right of way.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Redding

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Kim Niemer, Director - Community Services Department

**Exempt Status:** *(check one)*

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3]).
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301. Existing Facilities, Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and Section 15304. Minor Alteration to Land.
- No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRD 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2).

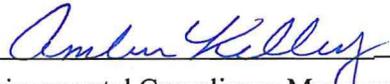
**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1 exemptions include the operation and repair of existing public structures and facilities. Class 3 exemptions consist of construction and location of new small facilities or structures. Class 4 exemptions include the minor alteration of land. The project will be constructed in a previously disturbed right of way area, no healthy mature trees will be removed, and the project will result in a negligible expansion of use. The project area has been reviewed for sensitive resources such as threatened or endangered species or their habitats, sensitive vegetation communities, and tribal cultural resources. The project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Amber Kelley

**Telephone:** 530.225.4046

**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:** 4-24-2023

**Title:** Environmental Compliance Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Applicant