

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2023040707

PROJECT NUMBER: C-06-8740-110

PROJECT TITLE: Ferndale Drainage Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: Arlington Avenue, 5th Street, Van Ness Avenue, Ferndale, 95536, Humboldt County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as City of Ferndale Water Quality and Drainage Improvement Project. The Project involves replacement and new storm-drain infrastructure on Arlington Avenue, 5th Street, and Van Ness Avenue, as well as the Humboldt County (County) owned property north of Van Ness Avenue. The project includes the replacement of the existing storm drain inlets and piping on Arlington Avenue with a combination of tree planting wells, new drain inlets, subsurface water quality treatment units, and new piping. A new 18-inch storm-drain pipe would be installed along Arlington Avenue, conveying runoff to a new 18-inch storm-drain pipe on 5th Street. A manhole would be installed at the junction of Arlington Avenue and 5th Street. The 5th Street pipe alignment would outlet to a new vegetated swale along the frontage of the fairgrounds and eastern edge of the roadway, with culvert/pipe crossings at existing pedestrian and vehicle access points to the fairgrounds parking lot. The new swale would tie into the existing drainage ditch alignment and the existing ditch would be graded to conform to the new swale geometry near the intersections of 5th Street and Van Ness Avenue. The existing culvert crossings would remain in place and the existing drainage ditch on the County-owned property north of Van Ness Avenue would be graded and vegetated along with the implementation of a shallow 0.5-acre detention basin.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on February 8, 2024, and determined that the Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The City of Ferndale will be carrying out the Project.

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION STATUS:

Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15302)

Class 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15303)

Class 4: Minor Alterations to Land

(California Code of Regulations, title 14, division 6, chapter 3, article 19, section 15304)

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemptions selected above and will not have a significant impact on water quality. The Project involves replacement and new utility infrastructure, and the installation of a 0.5-acre stormwater retention pond.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Ferndale

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Jay Parrish

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Pursuant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Code, Section 711.4(d)(1), the CDFW environmental review filing fees do not apply to exempt projects.

Signature: _____ (signed on behalf of Matthew Metelitz)

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