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CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Sunny Avenue Acquisition No. 2

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Eureka City Manager's Office

PROJECT LOCATION: APN: 006-181-011 (east side of Sunny Avenue, approximately 155 feet south

of Myrtle Avenue)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquire an approximately 2.1-acre (93,218-square-foot) undeveloped property located on the east side of Sunny Avenue, approximately 155 feet south of Myrtle Avenue for City projects or wetland preservation. Most of the site is low-lying land, mapped as wetland in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory, associated with Second Slough. An approximately 0.4-acre area at the southwestern corner of the property is higher in elevation (12-20 feet) and may include uplands. The site is adjacent to parcels containing the planned Bay to Zoo Trail, and it adjoins 1429 Sunny Avenue to the south, which the City recently purchased to use for the Trail and required mitigation. The City may use the subject property's lowland area for required mitigation, and the upland area may be used for other City facilities in the future; or, the City could do nothing with the property, thereby ensuring the preservation of this wetland/riparian corridor.

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 exempt from CEQA pursuant CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), where it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility the acquisition itself may have a significant effect on the environment, the project can therefore be found exempt from further CEQA review. If mitigation or other projects are proposed for the site in the future,

those projects would be subject to separate CEQA analysis.

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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May 12, 2023

Date