

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**PROJECT TITLE:** Napa River Ecology Center Design Permit (PL23-0019)

**PROJECT LOCATION – Specific:** 205 Wetlands Edge Road, American Canyon, Napa County, CA 94503

**APN:** 058-040-018

**PROJECT LOCATION - CITY (NEAREST):** American Canyon      **PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY:** NAPA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation (ACCPF) proposes redevelop an existing 5,000 square-foot two-story building into an ecology center at 205 Wetlands Edge Road in the Public (P) Zone. The project will redevelop the City Corporation Yard building into the ecology center in phases, which will provide indoor and outdoor instructional uses and community activities that focus on conservation and environmental science, nature art, and wellness programs.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** City of American Canyon Planning Commission

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Janelle Sellick, ACCPF, 101 West American Canyon Road, Suite 508-102, American Canyon, Napa County, CA 94503. Phone #707-363-1915

**EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):**

- [ ] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- [ ] Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
- [ ] Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c)];
- [X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: **Class (Type): 1 Section #: 15301, Existing Facilities; Class 2 Section #15302, Reconstruction of Existing Facilities; Class 4 Section # 15304, Minor Alterations of Land; and Class 11 Section #15311, Accessory Structures.**
- [ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- [ ] General Rule: [Sec.15061(b)(3)]

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** The project is appropriate for exemption under this Class for the following reasons:

- a. The Napa River Ecology Center Design Permit is exempt from CEQA under Categorical Exemption, Class 1 (Section 15301) – Existing Facilities. The project involves interior and exterior alterations to an existing building, but there would be no expansion in the size of the existing building.
- b. The Ecology Center Design Permit is exempt from CEQA under Categorical Exemption, Class 2 (Section 15302) – Reconstruction of Existing Facilities. The new Ecology Center offices will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The Ecology Center will reuse the two-story corporation yard building as offices and multipurpose classrooms.
- c. The Ecology Center Design Permit complies with CEQA under Categorical Exemption, Class 4 (Section 15304) – Minor Alterations of Land. Project is located on a site with a slope of less than 10 % and not located in any waterway or wetland, new landscaping would be water efficient. The grading would be to address storm water run-off, create a formal parking area in the unpaved parking and circulation area, add ADA access and other site amenities.
- d. Additionally, the Ecology Center Design Permit complies with CEQA under Categorical Exemption, Class 11 (Section 15311) – Accessory Structures. The project would include the creation of a formal paved parking lot, drive aisles and internal circulation to support the use, on land that has already been disturbed, graded, and used for more industrial uses. In addition, minor accessory structures would be added to the site, in already developed areas, including an elevated deck, enclosure around the city's existing generator.

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Signed by Lead Agency

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