

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Redding
Public Works Department
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Shasta County Clerk
County of Shasta
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Project Title: License Agreement with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)

Project Location – Specific: Mercedes Lane

Project Location – City: Redding **Project Location – County:** Shasta

Description of Project: The City of Redding will enter into a License Agreement with the United States of America, Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). The agreement allows a portion of the public right of way and limited fixed improvements to remain beneath WAPA's Keswick-Airport 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line. The License Agreement renewal has a term of 25 years and will expire in the year 2049.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ken Iwamura, City Surveyor

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
 - 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, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing facilities, structures, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use. The City will renew the License Agreement to allow existing right of way and limited fixed improvements to remain. Right of way improvements are not proposed and the activity will result in no expansion of use. The property has no underlying value for sensitive environmental resources, and the project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley

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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: Amber Kelley

Date: 12-29-2023

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant