

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Redding
Redding Area Bus Authority
777 Cypress Avenue
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Shasta County Clerk
County of Shasta
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Project Title: Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) Service Area Modifications

Project Location – Specific: Unincorporated Shasta County

Project Location – City: Redding, Anderson, Shasta Lake, and Shasta Lake **Project Location – County:** Shasta

Description of Project: RABA proposes to modify the service area in unincorporated areas of Shasta County, and terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement (Agreement) for the Burney Express Service. Modification of the service area would allow transit to operate within the existing right of way on State Route (SR) 44, SR 89, and SR 299. Termination of the Agreement would not eliminate service to Burney, but will reduce redundancy and improve administrative efficiency. RABA would then apply for Section 5311 and 5311(f) funding through the Federal Transit Administration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Redding Area Bus Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John Andoh, Transit Manager

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: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies
- 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: Sec. 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, or minor alteration of existing facilities, structures, equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use. RABA currently operates in unincorporated areas of Shasta County. This action furthers the goal of enhancing mobility and access, easing traffic congestion, and promoting sustainability. The service area modifications will result in a negligible expansion of use, 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: 12-8-2023

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant