

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Humboldt
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

From: (Public Agency): Resort Improvement District No. 1
9126 Shelter Cove Road
Whitethorn, CA 95589

(Address)

Project Title: Shelter Cove Well Site Improvements

Project Applicant: Resort Improvement District No. 1

Project Location - Specific:
110-031-003-000

Project Location - City: Shelter Cove Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Installation of a domestic/single connection water well on a lot with (2) existing wells.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Resort Improvement District No. 1

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Resort Improvement District No. 1

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 3 categorical exemption under Section 15303(d)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This activity qualifies for a Class 3 categorical exemption under Section 15303(d) of the CEQA Guidelines which allows for new construction or conversion of small structures including water mains, as well as utility systems of reasonable length to serve such construction.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Christopher Christianson Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 986-7015

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: Christopher Christianson Date: 5/2/2024 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:



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May 1, 2024

Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health
Attn: Patrick Owen, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist
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RE: Groundwater Impact and Public Trust Analysis
APN 110-031-003-000

In 2021, the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District received a grant from the Department of Water Resources Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program, administered by the County of Humboldt. The grant will fund a new, eight-inch well at a District-owned greenbelt property on Willow Glen Rd where there is already an existing five-inch well. This new well will increase potable water supply reliability and quantity for the community of Shelter Cove, while also reducing the diversion of surface water from Telegraph Creek. The estimate of water from the new well is 80,000 gallons per day.

The proposed well qualifies as part of the District's Public Water System (CA 1210022) which exempts it from requirements of the Governor's Executive Order (N-3-23) regarding wells that provide more than two acre-feet per year. The well will exclusively provide groundwater to the public water system as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

The approximate coordinates of the proposed well are 40.0367 latitude, -124.0494 longitude at approximately 1,500 feet above sea level. The proposed well will have an estimated depth of 320 feet with an eight-inch casing diameter and a minimum perforation depth of 120 feet.

The nearest surface water feature to the proposed well is Telegraph Creek, approximately 2,500 feet to the north-east. Google Earth mapping indicates the tributary to be approximately 800 feet in elevation at the nearest location to the proposed well. Telegraph Creek is a perennial creek that serves as the community's primary water supply. The creek flows into the Pacific Ocean approximately 9,500 feet from the nearest location to the proposed well.

A hydrologic connection from the proposed well to Telegraph Creek is unlikely due to the depth of the well and the distance of the well from the creek. Additionally, even if a connection exists, the well will not cause a net impact on the creek because the well will replace existing and

permitted surface water diversions. Therefore, there is no potential for the use of the proposed well to negatively impact public trust resources.

Telegraph Creek is not a navigable surface water body or a tributary to navigable surface waters. The proposed well will have no impact on waterborne commerce. The creek is not used for recreational boating or paddling.

While Telegraph Creek provides an important fish habitat and an aquatic environment for sensitive species that could possibly support recreational fishing activities, the well will not impact flow rates within its watercourse and will therefore have no detrimental effect on this public trust resource.

Based on the facts outlined in this document, the proposed groundwater well will not impact the Public Trust or substantially impair the public rights to navigation, fisheries, or water-related activities or access.

Please see the attached Google Earth image of the proposed well location, and please reach out to me with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Christianson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" at the beginning.

Christopher Christianson
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