

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Humboldt
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From: (Public Agency): City of Arcata
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Arcata, CA 95521
(Address)

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Project Title: Arcata Community Forest Trail 9.5 Project

Project Applicant: City of Arcata

Project Location - Specific:
Arcata Community Forest, Arcata, CA 95521

Project Location - City: Arcata Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to improve public safety, enhance recreational opportunities, and improve forest habitat in the Arcata Community Forest (ACF). The Trail 9.5 Project will make safety and stewardship improvements to an existing unsanctioned mountain bike trail adjacent to Trail 9 in the ACF to create a downhill directional bike trail and reduce recreational user conflicts on nearby multi-use Trail 9. Industry acceptable design standards and best management practices in trail design to improve drainage and long-term maintenance of the trail will be utilized.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Arcata

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Arcata, Environmental Services Department

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: CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 & 15304 & 15333
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves minor alterations to an existing trail located in the Arcata Community Forest and qualifies as a minor alteration of an existing bicycle and pedestrian trail (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15301(c)). In addition, construction of the proposed trail will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees and therefore qualifies for Minor Alterations to Land (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15304). Finally, this project will decommission approximately 1,417 feet of unsanctioned trail and the bare mineral soil will be covered to allow passive revegetation of the area and no significant adverse impacts will occur on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat because of this project, therefore qualifying the project as a Small Habitat Restoration Project (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15333). No conditions causing exceptions to these exemptions, including unusual circumstances, hazardous waste, or historic resources, are present.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Emily Sinkhorn, Environmental Services Director Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-822-8184

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: [Signature] Date: 7/18/24 Title: Environmental Services Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.