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Signature: <u><i>Cecil D. Ray</i></u>	Date: <u>02-24-2025</u>

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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:**

- Office of Planning and Research**  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814
  
- Shasta County Clerk**  
1643 Market Street  
Redding, CA 96001

**FROM:**

**Fall River Valley Community Services District**  
24850 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Fall River Mills, CA 96028

**Project Title: Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Water System Consolidation Project**

**Project Location:** As shown in **Figure 1**, the proposed project is located within the unincorporated community of McArthur in Shasta County, in Section 10, Township 37 North, Range 5 East, of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Fall River Mills 7.5-minute quadrangle. The proposed project includes improvements within the road right-of-way (ROW) of Williams Road; within three utility easements on private property (Shasta County Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 018-080-017, -020, and -021); and within the Pine Grove Mobile Home Park (APN 018-080-010). The Pine Grove Mobile Home Park is located at 44614 State Route (SR) 299 E, north of SR 299, south of Williams Road and east of Lewis Road.

**City:** McArthur (unincorporated)

**County:** Shasta

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

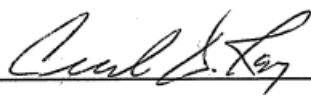
Pine Grove Mobile Home Park (MHP) has a community water system (State water system number CA4500290) that provides water to approximately 19 residential connections within the MHP. The primary water source for the water system is groundwater from a well located within the MHP property. Due to high levels of manganese in the water from the well, the MHP is consolidating with the Fall River Valley Community Services District (FRVCSD or District) water system. Thirteen additional residences located on twelve parcels outside of the MHP that are currently served by private wells would also connect to the FRVCSD water system.

As shown in **Figure 2**, consolidation with the FRVCSD water system would require improvements on the MHP property and twelve neighboring parcels. Proposed improvements include the following:

- Installation of ~2,770 feet of 10-inch-diameter water main within the ROW of Williams Road that would connect to an existing FRVCSD 10-inch-diameter water main located within Lewis Road.
- Installation of ~860 feet of 6-inch-diameter water main and a 6-inch flowmeter within a new 20-foot public utility easement from the new 10-inch-diameter water main within the ROW of Williams Road to the MHP; the new 6-inch-diameter main would continue through the MHP to the MHP driveway immediately north of SR 299.
- Installation of ~570 feet of 2-inch-diameter water main/common water service loop.
- Installation of ~3,030 feet of 1-inch water service piping.
- Installation of three 10-inch gate valves, seven 6-inch gate valves, and two 2-inch gate valves.
- Installation of 32 water meters and boxes, 13 backflow prevention devices, and six fire hydrants.

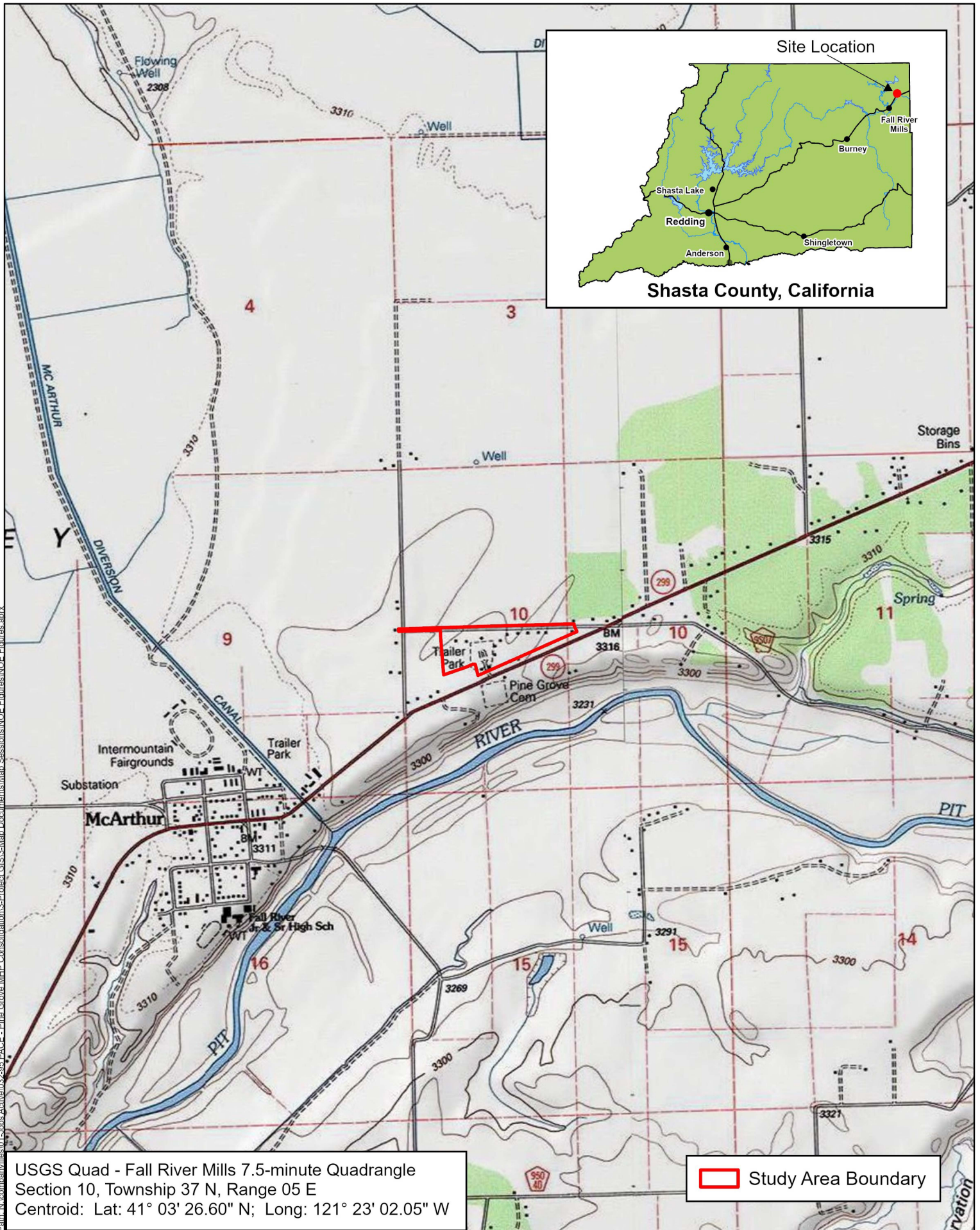
New 2-inch-diameter water line, water meters, water services, and new 6-inch fire protection water line with fire hydrants would be installed throughout the MHP property (APN 018-080-010) and to the twelve parcels located immediately to the east of the MHP property. Ten of the water services and meters would be installed adjacent to Williams Road and would connect to the new 10-inch-diameter water main. Two of the water services and meters would be installed in two utility easements on private property (APNs 018-080-021 and -023). The MHP's existing well would remain in service and continue to provide irrigation water for the MHP.

The purpose of the proposed project is to ensure a safe and reliable potable water supply for existing residents in the MHP and adjacent parcels through consolidation with the FRVCSD distribution system. All proposed improvements would be installed in previously disturbed areas; no trees are expected to be removed. Staging of construction equipment and materials would occur on the MHP property.

<b>Name of Public Agency Approving Project:</b> Fall River Valley Community Services District
<b>Name of Agency Carrying out the Project:</b> Fall River Valley Community Services District
<b>Local Agency Contact Person:</b> Cecil Ray, General Manager, 530.336.5263
<p><b>Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption:</b></p> <p>California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines):  Class 3, §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)  Class 4, §15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)</p>
<p><b>Reason Why Project Is Exempt:</b></p> <p>The Class 3 exemption covers the installation of new water mains and the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The Class 4 exemption applies to the minor alternations to the condition of land (e.g., clearing, grading, trenching, and backfilling) that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, and do not involve grading in wetlands or other waters, provided that the surface is restored following construction. The project is consistent with the categorical exemptions noted above because work would consist of the extension of the FRVCSD's existing water system including the installation of water mains, water services, meters, meter boxes, and fire hydrants. No mature trees would be removed and no wetlands or other waters are present on the project site.</p> <p>As documented in <b>Attachment A</b>, the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; would not result in damage to scenic resources within a scenic highway; is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code; would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and would not result in cumulative impacts.</p>
<p><b>Signature:</b>  _____ <b>Date:</b> <u>02-24-2025</u></p> <p><b>Cecil Ray, General Manager</b>  Fall River Valley Community Services District</p>

**Attachments:**

- Figure 1: Project Location and Vicinity
- Figure 2: Study Area Boundary
- Attachment A: Documentation in Support of a Categorical Exemption



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Figure 1

# Project Location and Vicinity



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Figure 2  
**Study Area Boundary**

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# ATTACHMENT A

## Documentation in Support of a Categorical Exemption

### Fall River Valley Community Services District - Pine Grove Mobile Home Park Water System Consolidation Project

As described in the Notice of Exemption (NOE), the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to §15303 (Class 3 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and §15304 (Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines. CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 identifies exceptions that override a lead agency’s ability to use a categorical exemption. These exceptions are listed below, followed by documentation of why each exception does not apply to the proposed project.

**1. Location.** *Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The proposed project is supported by Class 3 and Class 4 exemptions. As documented below, no evidence has been found to suggest that the project location is particularly sensitive. Likewise, the project is not expected to affect an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. Therefore, the Class 3 and Class 4 exemptions are applicable to the proposed project.

**2. Cumulative Impact.** *All exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant.*

The project includes installation of water distribution infrastructure within the ROW of Williams Road; within a utility easement on private property; and within the Pine Grove Mobile Home Park. The District is currently planning to improve the existing McArthur Well No. 1, located ~0.5-miles north of improvements within Williams Road, and to install wastewater infrastructure throughout the community of McArthur. Wastewater system improvements within McArthur would occur as close as ~0.5-miles southwest of improvements within Williams Road. Although construction equipment for these projects may pass through the same routes, the timing for these improvements has not yet been determined and construction-related impacts would be temporary. Extension of the FRVCSD water distribution infrastructure could accommodate additional connections; however, future development would be in accordance with the growth projections identified in the Shasta County General Plan. Therefore, the impacts would not be cumulatively considerable.

**3. Significant Effect.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

An “unusual circumstance” exists if the project’s circumstances differ from the general circumstances of projects covered by the applicable exemption, and, if so, whether there is a reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment *due to* the unusual circumstances. As documented below, there are no unusual circumstances that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

**Aesthetics:**

The proposed project consists of the installation of water main, water services, meters, and fire hydrants. The water main and services would be subsurface, and the meters would be flush with the ground. The fire hydrants would be relatively small and would not detract from the visual character of the area. Paved roads that are disturbed during construction would be re-paved at completion of the improvements, and other temporarily disturbed areas would be restored as necessary.

The project site is not in an area of unique scenic vistas, and temporary visual impacts during construction due to excavation and staging activities would cease upon the completion of the improvements; no unusual circumstances apply and no significant impacts would occur.

**Agriculture and Forest Resources:**

According to the California Department of Conservation (DOC), the project area was not surveyed for inclusion in the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) (DOC, 2020). The MHP is zoned as Mixed Use (MU), and designated as MU in the Shasta County General Plan. The twelve neighboring parcels are zoned as Rural Residential (R-R-T), and designated Rural Residential A (RA) in the Shasta County General Plan (Shasta County, 2004, 2024).

Although surrounding properties are currently used for agricultural purposes, the project does not include any components that would conflict with surrounding uses. Further, no mature trees would be removed. Therefore, there would be no impact on agricultural lands or forest resources.

**Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions:**

The proposed project would result in the temporary generation of ROG, NOx, PM<sub>10</sub>, and other regulated pollutants and greenhouse gases (GHG) during construction. ROG and NOx emissions are associated with employee vehicle trips, delivery of materials, and construction equipment exhaust. PM<sub>10</sub> is generated during site preparation, excavation, road paving, and from exhaust associated with construction equipment. The project does not include any components that would result in a long-term increase in emissions. There are no unusual circumstances associated with air quality that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

**Biological Resources:**

As documented below, there are no unusual circumstances associated with special-status species, nesting birds, or other biological resources that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

***Special-Status Species***

The evaluation of potential impacts to special-status species and sensitive habitats was based on a records search and field observations.

Records reviewed for the evaluation consisted of California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) records for special-status plants, animals, and natural communities; California Native Plant Society (CNPS) records for special-status plants in the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Fall River Mills 7.5-minute quadrangle; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) records for federally listed, proposed, and candidate plant and animal species under jurisdiction of the USFWS; and USFWS records for Birds of Conservation Concern.

Field evaluations were completed by an ENPLAN biologist on May 21, 2023, and November 19, 2024. Some of the special-status species potentially occurring in the project site would not have been evident at the time the fieldwork was conducted; however, determination of their potential presence could readily be made based on observed habitat characteristics.

**Special-Status Plants**

Review of the USFWS species list for the project site did not identify any federally listed plant species as potentially occurring in the project area. The project site does not contain designated critical habitat for federally listed plant species (USFWS, 2025).

A review of CNDDDB records showed that no special-status plants have been reported in the project site. The following eight special-status plants have been reported within an approximate five-mile radius of the project site: bristly sedge (California Rare Plant Rank [CRPR] 2B.1), Boggs Lake hedgehyssop (State Endangered [SE], CRPR 1B.2), Howell's thelypodium (CRPR 1B.2), Lemmon's milk-vetch (CRPR 1B.2), marsh skullcap (CRPR 2B.2), tufted loosestrife (CRPR 2B.3), watershield (CRPR

2B.3), and water star-grass (CRPR 2B.2). One non-status plant species, profuse-flowered pogogyne, was reported within an approximate five-mile radius of the project site (CDFW, 2025).

CNPS records identified two additional special-status plant species reported in the USGS Fall River Mills 7.5-minute quadrangle: hairy marsh hedge-nettle (CRPR 2B.3) and long-leaved starwort (CRPR 2B.2). Three additional non-status plant species were reported in the USGS Fall River Mills 7.5-minute quadrangle: Baker cypress, Castlegar hawthorne, and Tehama navaretia (CNPS, 2025).

No special-status plant species or habitats capable of supporting such species were observed during the field surveys.

#### Special-Status Wildlife

Review of the USFWS species list identified six federally listed wildlife species as potentially being present in the project site: gray wolf (Federally Endangered [FE]), monarch butterfly (Federally Proposed Threatened [FPT]), northern spotted owl (Federally Threatened [FT]), northwestern pond turtle (FPT), Shasta crayfish (FE), and Suckley's cuckoo bumble bee (Federally Proposed Endangered [FPE]). The USFWS also identifies California Condor (Experimental Population, Non-Essential [EXPN]) with a potential to occur in the project area. The USFWS species list does not identify designated critical habitat in the study area for any federally listed animal species (USFWS, 2025).

A review of CNNDDB records showed that no special-status wildlife species have been reported on the project site. The following special-status wildlife species have been reported within an approximate five-mile radius of the project site: American badger (State Species of Special Concern [SSSC]), bald eagle (Federally Delisted [FD], SE, State Fully Protected [SFP]), bank swallow (State Threatened [ST]), bigeye marbled sculpin (SSSC), greater sandhill crane (ST, SFP), hardhead (SSSC), Oregon spotted frog (FT, SSSC), rough sculpin (ST, SFP), Shasta crayfish (FE, SE), Sierra Nevada red fox – southern Cascades Distinct Population Segment (ST), tricolored blackbird (ST, SSSC), western pond turtle (FPT, SSSC), and wolverine (FT, SFP, ST). The following non-status animals have also been mapped within the search radius: Great Basin rams-horn, great blue heron, kneecap lanx, montane peaclam, North American porcupine, nugget pebblesnail, prairie falcon (State Watch List [WL]), topaz juga, and western ridged mussel (CDFW, 2025).

No special-status wildlife species or habitats capable of supporting such species were observed during the field survey.

#### **Natural Communities**

The field evaluation confirmed that the project site has been disturbed in the past due to installation of roads, driveways, fences, residences, residential accessory buildings, and related infrastructure. Portions of water main will be installed within three public utility easements; although vegetation may be removed or trimmed, no mature trees would be removed. No wetlands, streams, other waters of the State or United States, or sensitive natural communities are present on or adjacent to the project site.

#### **Nesting Migratory Birds**

The USFWS identified the following Birds of Conservation Concern as potentially being present in the project area: American avocet, American white pelican, black tern, California gull, Calliope hummingbird, Cassin's finch, Clark's grebe, evening grosbeak, Forster's tern, Franklin's gull, lesser yellowlegs, Lewis's woodpecker, northern harrier, Rufous hummingbird, western grebe, and willet (USWFS, 2025). The bald eagle and golden eagle are not listed as Birds of Conservation Concern, but the USFWS noted that they are birds that warrant attention because they are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (USWFS, 2025).

Construction activities are not expected to directly affect nesting birds because the majority of work would be completed in surfaced roadways or previously disturbed areas and no trees would be removed. Indirect effects such as nest abandonment by adults in response to loud noise levels are likewise not expected given the current level of human activity of the work area. Any birds that may nest adjacent to the work area would be accustomed to periodic loud noises and other human-induced disturbances.



There are no unusual circumstances associated with special-status species, natural communities, wetlands, nesting birds, or other biological resources that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

**Energy:**

The proposed project does not include any components that would result in environmental impacts due to the wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources in the long-term. There are no unique circumstances related to energy use during construction of the proposed project that would result in more significant impacts than other similar construction projects.

**Geology and Soils:**

According to the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map for Shasta County, the nearest Alquist-Priolo Special Study Zone to the project site is the McArthur Fault Zone; faults affiliated with this Zone are located ~0.4 miles west and ~1.6 miles east of the project site (DOC, 2018, 2024). The California Geological Survey (CGS) also identified potentially active faults in the Hat Creek Fault Zone, located ~5 miles southwest of the project site, and an unnamed potentially active fault located ~2.6 miles southeast of the project site (DOC, 2022). The proposed project consists of the installation of water main, water services, meters, and fire hydrants; these improvements would not increase the likelihood of a seismic event or increase the exposure of people or structures to risks associated with a seismic event.

Soil on the project site is mapped by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service as Pittville sandy loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes (USDA, n.d.). This soil type is found throughout the project area and is not unique to the project site. There are no unique circumstances related to geology and soils that would result in more significant impacts than other similar construction projects in the area.

**Hydrology and Water Quality:**

Construction activities would result in the temporary disturbance of soil and would expose disturbed areas to potential storm events, which could generate accelerated runoff, localized erosion, and sedimentation. However, this is a temporary impact during construction activities, and no long-term impacts would occur. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion/sediment control would be implemented in accordance with standard construction practices which would prevent damage to surface and groundwater quality.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (Panel 06089C0500G, effective March 16, 2011), the project site is designated as unshaded Zone X (an area of minimal flood hazard) (FEMA, n.d.). Therefore, the project would not impede or redirect flood flows or adversely affect the natural value and functions of a floodplain.

**Land Use and Planning:**

The project would not physically divide an established community or cause an environmental impact due to a conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation.

**Mineral Resources:**

The CGS has not designated any Mineral Resource Zones in the project area (DOC, 2016). In addition, there are no properties in the project area that are zoned or used for mining activities.

**Noise:**

Construction activities would generate noise and would temporarily increase noise levels in the area; however, this is a temporary impact that would cease at completion of the project. There is no operational noise that would be associated with the project. There are no unusual circumstances associated with noise that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

**Population and Housing:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to ensure a safe and reliable potable water supply for existing residents in the MHP and neighboring parcels through consolidation with the FRVCSD water system. Extension of the FRVCSD water distribution infrastructure could accommodate additional connections; however, future development would be in accordance with the Shasta County General Plan (Shasta County, 2004). Therefore, the project would not induce unplanned population growth in the area. There are no unusual circumstances associated with population or housing that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

**Public Services/Recreation:**

Because the project would not induce population growth, the project would not generate a demand for additional fire protection, police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, or other public services.

**Transportation/Traffic:**

Because the project would not induce population growth, the project would not directly or indirectly result in a permanent increase in traffic or vehicle miles traveled. There would be short-term increases in traffic in the area associated with construction workers and equipment; however, existing regulations require safety measures to be employed to safeguard travel by the general public during construction. The proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

**Utilities and Service Systems:**

Because the project would not induce population growth in the area, the project would not generate additional demand for power, natural gas, telecommunications facilities, stormwater drainage, wastewater treatment, or other utilities and services. There are no unusual circumstances associated with utilities or service systems that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

**Wildfire:**

The proposed project does not include any development or improvements that would increase the long-term risk of wildland fires or expose people or structures to wildland fires. There are no unique circumstances associated with the proposed project that would result in more significant impacts than other similar projects in the area.

**4. Scenic Highways.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a State Scenic Highway.*

According to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), there are no officially designated State Scenic Highways in the project area; therefore, there would be no impact (Caltrans, 2023).

**5. Hazardous Waste Sites.** *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code.*

The following databases were reviewed to locate "Cortese List" sites.

- List of Hazardous Waste and Substances sites from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor database.
- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) GeoTracker Database.
- List of solid waste disposal sites identified by SWRCB with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside the waste management unit.
- List of active Cease and Desist Orders and Clean-Up and Abatement Orders from the SWRCB.

The records search revealed that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site (California Environmental Protection Agency, 2024). There are no active clean-up sites or hazardous waste sites within a one-mile radius of the project area.

**6. Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

A cultural resources study was completed for the proposed project by ENPLAN (ENPLAN, 2024). The study included a records search, Native American consultation, and field evaluation. The records search was conducted by the Northeast Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (NEIC/CHRIS) on July 11, 2024, and covered a 1/2-mile radius around the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE includes all areas in which improvements would occur, and areas for staging and temporary construction access, as well as sufficient area for construction. The records search revealed that two archaeological surveys have been conducted within a 1/2-mile radius of the APE, one of which encompassed minimal portions of the APE along State Route 299. The records search also revealed that four resources have been recorded within a 1/2-mile radius of the APE, one of which is located within the APE.

The resource, a historical-era residence constructed in 1952, is located to the east of the MHP along SR 299 E. The residence has been renovated with new siding, roofing, and windows and has lost most of its original appearance and integrity. The CRI concludes that the property does not appear to meet the criteria of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources. Furthermore, improvements to residential structures are limited to connecting the water service lines to the plumbing systems of the residences, and no structural modifications that would alter the historical integrity of the buildings would occur.

On July 8, 2024, the NAHC conducted a search of the Sacred Lands File; the search did not reveal any known Native American sacred sites or cultural resources in the project area. The NAHC also provided contact information for several Native American representatives and organizations, who were contacted on July 12, 2024, with a request to provide comments on the proposed project. No responses were received. Follow-up correspondence was conducted on August 12, 2024. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Natalie Forrest-Perez responded on August 12, 2024. THPO Forrest-Perez indicated the Tribe has no known properties of interest within the project area, requested further information, and recommended contacting the Ajumawi Band of the Pit River Tribe for further information. ENPLAN provided the requested information and contacted Virginia Amoroso, the Cultural Representative for the Ajumawi Band, on August 20, 2024. Ms. Amoroso indicated that the area is sensitive for Native American resources and requested to be involved in the field survey. No other responses were received.

Archaeological fieldwork took place on September 18, 2024, during which the APE was intensively surveyed to identify cultural resources that would be potentially affected by the proposed project. Ms. Amoroso participated in the field review. No cultural resources were found within the APE.

The cultural resources study concluded that the project would have no effect on historical or prehistoric cultural resources. However, there is always some potential for previously unknown cultural resources to be encountered during excavation activities. Therefore, the following standard construction measures would be included in bid/construction contract documents to address the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources and human remains:

1. In the event of any inadvertent discovery of cultural resources (i.e., burnt animal bone, midden soils, projectile points or other humanly modified lithics, historic artifacts, etc.), all work within 50 feet of the find shall be halted until a professional archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find in accordance with PRC §21083.2(g) and §21084.1, and CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(a). If any find is determined to be significant by the archaeologist, the FRVCSD shall meet with the archaeologist to determine the appropriate course of action. If necessary, a Treatment Plan prepared by an archaeologist outlining recovery of the resource, analysis, and reporting of the find shall be prepared. The Treatment Plan shall be reviewed and approved by the FRVCSD prior to resuming construction.

2. In the event that human remains are encountered during construction activities, the FRVCSD shall comply with §15064.5 (e) (1) of the CEQA Guidelines and PRC §7050.5. All project-related ground disturbance within 50 feet of the find shall be halted until the County coroner has been notified. If the coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to identify the most likely descendants of the deceased Native Americans. Project-related ground disturbance in the vicinity of the find shall not resume until the process detailed in §15064.5 (e) has been completed.

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