

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Knauf Culvert Replacement

Lead Agency: City of Shasta Lake

Date: April 24, 2025

### **Description:**

Knauf Insulation Inc. (Knauf) proposes removing and replacing an existing 96-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert with an 8-foot by 8-foot precast concrete box culvert at the Newtown Creek crossing. Construction would involve excavation of rail ballast material, removal of a 96-inch CMP and emergency arch culvert concrete insert, grading and vegetation removal, installation of a 117-foot-long concrete box culvert, inlet and outlet wing walls, an approach rock slab, and a temporary access road for staging and equipment access. The proposed project will re-establish sufficient drainage conveyance and improve riparian conditions at the site. The replacement box culvert has been sized to accommodate anticipated Special Flood Hazard Area thresholds.

### **Location:**

City of Shasta Lake, Shasta County, California (40.652953°, -122.392267°).

The project site is located southwest of the Knauf plant on parcels owned by Knauf Insulation Inc. and includes portions of a privately owned rail spur that connects to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). The project site is adjacent to and intersects Newtown Creek. The project site is zoned Industrial Design Review (M-DR). The City of Shasta Lake General Plan land use for the site is Industrial. Parcels to the north, east, and south are designated for industrial use in the City of Shasta Lake General Plan and zoned Industrial Design Review. Properties to the west of the project site are outside of the city limits within unincorporated Shasta County. The UPRR is immediately west of the project site. On the opposite side of the railway, land uses are designated Suburban Residential in the Shasta County General Plan and are zoned Interim Rural Residential (I-R), Mobile Home (T) District, with areas adjacent to Newtown Creek zoned Designated Floodway (F-1) District.

The closest residential area to the project site is on the opposite side of the UPRR railway and includes residences on Pinecone Drive and Tiptoe Lane. The closest residence to the project site is on Pinecone Drive, approximately 500 feet west of the project site.

### **Public Review Period:**

The City of Shasta Lake will consider a recommendation of Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to Section 15070 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3 (California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines). The City, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study for the project and is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended. The public comment period of 30 days will begin on April 24, 2025, and conclude on May 23, 2025. All interested parties may submit written comments during the public comment period specified above and must be received no later than 4:00 PM on May 23, 2025.

Written comments should be submitted to the following:

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Copies of the documents associated with the project are on file and available for review during regular business hours in the Planning Division at 4477 Main Street, Shasta Lake, California 96019. The Initial Study, Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and related project information are also available on the City's website: [www.cityofshastalake.org](http://www.cityofshastalake.org)