



City of Ukiah

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# NOTICE OF CEQA EXEM

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**TO:**  **Office of Planning and Research**  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** **City of Ukiah**  
300 Seminary Avenue  
Ukiah, CA 95482

**County Clerk**  
**County of Mendocino**  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Acquisition of Ukiah Valley Wildlands for Conservation, Fire Safety, and Watershed Protection

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 10 parcels of wildlands located in an area known as Ukiah's western urban interface, for a total of 518 acres: APNs 001-040-83, 003-190-01, 157-070-01, 157-070-02, 157-060-02, 157-060-03, 157-050-02, 157-050-04, 157-050-09, 157-050-10 (157-050-11 & 157-050-12), contained within the red-colored outline on the attached map in Exhibit A

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** The project consists of purchase of multiple wildland parcels for the preservation and protection of open spaces, including conservation, fire safety, and watershed protection, the details of which are not known at this time.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** City of Ukiah

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** November 6, 2019

**NAME OF PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Ukiah, Community Services Department

## CEQA EXEMPTION STATUS:

- Ministerial
- Declared Emergency
- Categorical Exemption: Article 5, Section 15060 (c)(2)**
- Statutory Exemption Section

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

The proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 5, Section 15060 (c)(2) because the purchase of the parcels will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. The properties are being purchased by the City of Ukiah, which intends to protect and preserve open spaces on the properties for the purposes of conservation, fire safety, and watershed protection.


However, activities of which the City of Ukiah would engage in to protect and preserve the open spaces have not been identified. Without this information it is not possible to meaningfully assess the environmental impacts or the type of environmental review that is appropriate or required by CEQA for the future use of the properties. Additionally, until such information is developed, the City will make no changes to the existing use or condition of the property if acquired. As a result, the project consisting of the acquisition of 518 acres of wildlands in Ukiah's western urban interface "...will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment." (14 CCR §15060(c)(2).)

Based on the foregoing, the project qualifies for the above CEQA exemption.

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This is to certify that the record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

**Community Development Department, Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482**

 Signature (Public Agency)      November 13, 2019 (Date)      Director of Community Development (Title)

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Exhibit A – Maps

