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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Junction City Elementary School District
430 Red Hill Road
Junction City, CA 96048

Project Title: Junction City ESD Water Filtration and Treatment System Upgrade

Project Location - Specific: The project site is accessed from Red Hill Road.
The approximate latitude and longitude are 40°44'02.5"N and 123°03'34.6"W, respectively.

Project Location - City: Junction City, CA **Project Location - County:** Trinity County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please refer to the attached Exhibit "A"

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Junction City Elementary School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Junction City Elementary School District

Exempt Status:

15269 (b) - Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare.

15282 (k) - The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length.

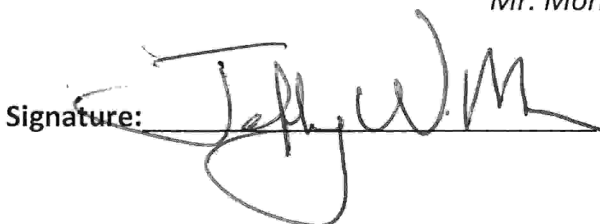
15282(m) – Minor alterations to utilities made for the purposes of complying with Sections 116410 and 116415 of the Health and Safety Code as set forth in Section 21080.26 of the Public Resources Code.

Reasons why project is exempt: Please refer to the attached Exhibit "A"

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Signature:



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Date: October 12, 2021

EXHIBIT "A"
JUNCTION CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WELL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Junction City Elementary School (JCESD) currently has 75 students and 19 staff members on site on any given school day. Special events can add up to 449 people on campus using the facilities. Junction City ESD well system was installed circa 1990 and recently updated (2019).

Due to the nature of the Trinity River influenced water source, the current JCESD well site provides adequate water quantity but the quality needs additional filtration and treatment to ensure it is potable for consumption.

The current filtration and treatment system is approaching 30 years of age, which poses increasing risk for imminent failure. Additionally, there is currently no backup power source for the system, further posing a risk to this essential community facility, which also serves as a Red Cross / Community Center during wildfires and other emergency events.

This project will upgrade the current system while also providing a propane fueled generator power backup to ensure consistent operation during emergency events.

It is expected that this upgraded system will serve JCESD well into the future.

LOCATION

The Project site is located at Junction City Elementary School's campus at 430 Red Hill Road, Junction City, CA 96048. The project site is accessed from Red Hill Road. The approximate latitude and longitude are 40°44'02.5"N and 123°03'34.6"W, respectively.

REASONS FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION

CEQA allows certain government actions to proceed without further CEQA review if that type of action has been previously determined not to have a significant impact on the environment. Actions defined in a Categorical Exemption may be subject to further environmental review in the case of extraordinary circumstances under exemptions under CEQA. (14 CCR § 15061(b); 14 CCR § 15300.2.)

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300 identifies that Section 21084 of the State of California Public Resources Code requires that the CEQA Guidelines "include a list of classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall, therefore, be exempt from the provisions of CEQA. "

In response to that mandate, the Secretary for Resources has found that various classes of projects "do not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of environmental documents."

Review of the 32 classes has led to a determination that the proposed Project would be categorically exempt under three classes – Emergency Repairs, Replacement or Reconstruction, and Minor Alterations to Utilities. For each class, discussion of applicable "examples" cited in the CEQA Guidelines is provided explaining why the proposed project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA.

15269. Emergency Repairs

15269(b) states that an exemption may be granted due to *"Emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare."*

The proposed project will remedy a situation that will soon impact essential public health, safety and welfare, specifically of Junction City Elementary School students and staff.

15282. Replacement or Reconstruction

15282 (k) states that an exemption may be granted in the case of *"The installation of new pipeline or maintenance, repair, restoration, removal or demolition of an existing pipeline as set forth in Section 21080.21 of the Public Resources Code, as long as the project does not exceed one mile in length."*

The proposed project will almost exclusively consist of the installation of new water filtration and treatment facilities that will include additional maintenance, repair, restoration and removal or demolition of an existing facilities servicing Junction City Elementary School to ensure services to meet the capacity at or just above the existing use.

15282. Minor Alterations to Utilities

15282(m) states that an exemption may be granted for *"Minor alterations to utilities made for the purposes of complying with Sections 116410 and 116415 of the Health and Safety Code as set forth in Section 21080.26 of the Public Resources Code."*

From a system standpoint, this is a minor alteration to the schools existing infrastructure.

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MISC. COPY FEES	3	\$	1.50

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