

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Humboldt
825 6th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

From: (Public Agency): City of Arcata
736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521
(Address)

Project Title: Adoption of Cross Connection Control Program Ordinance No. 1578

Project Applicant: City of Arcata

Project Location - Specific:
Throughout the City of Arcata

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this ordinance adoption is to update the Arcata Municipal Code to comply with state regulations outlined in the Cross Connection Control Policy Handbook and codify the rules and procedures in the City's Cross Connection Control Program to be congruent with the newly adopted state regulations and ensure effective backflow prevention to protect the City's public water system.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption, State type and section number: CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15061(b)(3)
[] Statutory Exemptions, State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The proposed ordinance amendments clarify definitions and rationale, roles and responsibilities, and standards to implement an existing program designed to protect the municipal water supply from contamination. The amendments do not impose new requirements that would alter the baseline impacts associated with the existing program. Because the program is intended for the protection of the environment by reducing the likelihood of draining the municipal water system to flush contaminants, which would impact natural resources, and because the amendments do not change the baseline associated with the existing regulatory program, the proposed action does not have the potential to have a significant effect on the environment and qualifies for the common sense exemption (CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3)).

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: 6/16/25 Title: Environmental Services Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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