CEQA
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
Mitigated Negative Declaration

CITY OF EUREKA

The City of Eureka, as the Lead Agency, is filing this Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

TO:

Office of Planning Research
P.O. Box 3044
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
fax: 1-916-323-3018

County of Humboldt
County Clerk
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

FROM:

City of Eureka, Lead Agency
Development Services Department
Chris Lohoefener, Senior Planner
531 K Street
Eureka, CA 95501-1165
(707) 441-4160
clohoefener@eurekca.gov

SCH #: 2025080239

Project Title: Humboldt Transit Authority Hydrogen Fueling Station

Project Applicant: Jerome Qiriazi (Humboldt Transit Authority)

Case No: CDP-25-4

Project Location: 133 V Street, Eureka, CA, Humboldt County. APN's: 002-081-005; 002-091-003, -008, and -010; 002-121-002; and 002-124-008, -009, and -010

General Plan & Zoning Designations: General Service Commercial (GSC) / Service Commercial (CS)

Project Description: Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) is transitioning its bus fleet from diesel and gasoline to hydrogen fuel to comply with the Innovative Clean Transit Regulation established by the California Air Resources Board in December 2018. To support this switch, HTA proposes to construct a hydrogen fueling station at its existing Operations and Maintenance Facility (Facility or Project Site). The proposed project includes installation of a liquid hydrogen storage tank and compression gas system capable of providing hydrogen fuel to various types of vehicles at different fueling pressures. The project also involves demolition of an existing office building located at the Project Site, use of a temporary hydrogen fueling station during construction, construction of a permanent storage and fueling system, retrofit of the existing fleet maintenance bays, and

construction of a building addition to the existing administration and maintenance building. The fueling system will also be available to the public. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(g)(5), it is noted that the Project Site previously contained a leaking underground storage tank, which has since been fully remediated to the satisfaction of the appropriate regulatory agencies.

Date of Project Application: March 13, 2025

Date of Project Approval: September 10, 2025

Findings: This is to advise that on September 10, 2025, the Planning Commission of the City of Eureka, as the Lead Agency, approved the project described above, and made the following determinations and findings regarding the project.

1. The proposed project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration **was prepared** and adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were made** a condition of project approval for this project
4. A Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program **was adopted** for this project
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not made** for this project.
6. Findings **were made** pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify the Development Services Department is the custodian of the documents or other material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the Planning Commission's decision was based; and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the record of project approval are available to the general public for review during regular office hours at the City of Eureka, Development Services Department, Third floor, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501.



Signature
Chris Lohoefener, Senior Planner
City of Eureka

September 11, 2025
Date

Date received for filing and posting at OPR: _____

Date received for filing and posting by the County Clerk (County Recorder): _____

Period for Posting by County Clerk: _____

Note to the County Clerk: *Pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15075, the City of Eureka as Lead Agency is requesting that the Humboldt County Clerk post this Notice of Determination within 24 hours of receipt, for a period of at least 30 days. Thereafter, please return this notice to the City at the address above with a notation of the period it was posted*