

CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: City Hall Modernization 2025

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Eureka - Engineering Division

PROJECT LOCATION: Eureka City Hall, 531 K St. Eureka, CA 95501 (APN: 001-192-009)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Eureka City Hall building, constructed in 1959 and structurally retrofitted in 1995, contains several original elements that have reached the end of their service life and require modernization. The project includes removing and replacing the existing exterior curtain wall system with a new screw spline unitized preassembled system; upgrading the HVAC system on the second and third floors with heating and ventilation; installing a new four-stop machine room-less elevator; and replacing the acoustic ceiling tiles in corridors, open offices, and common areas. The project also includes evaluating the condition of the existing T-bar structure; retaining the original hard lid ceilings in restrooms, storage, and utility areas with necessary patching; repairing the failing exterior tile cladding around window sills and jambs; and selectively removing and replacing sections of the concrete walkway around the building with minor regrading and the installation of new curbs in certain areas.

The project will comply the State Building Code and implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction to minimize impacts to neighboring residences. The BMPs will include, but are not limited to, preparing an erosion and sediment control plan, managing hazardous waste appropriately, and properly managing staging areas on City property to minimize disturbances to adjacent properties.

EXEMPTION FINDINGS: The City of Eureka, as Lead Agency, has determined that the above-

described activity is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Lead Agency has further determined that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA in accordance with §15301, Existing Facilities, Class I, of the CEQA Guidelines. Class I exempts the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use. The project involves the minor alteration to the façade, mechanical equipment, and exteriors walkways of an existing structure with no expansion or change in use. The site is not located on a hazardous waste site, historical resource, or scenic highway, and with the implementation of BMPs and adherence to the State Building Code, will not cause a significant impact to the environment. Therefore, the Lead Agency has determined none of the exceptions outlined in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 apply, and the project is categorically exempt under the Class I exemption (§15301).

The material supporting the above finding is on file with the City of Eureka's Engineering Department. Copies of the documents related to the evaluation of this project are available for review upon request at the City of Eureka, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501.



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