NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Napa County Clerk
1127 1st Street, Ste a
Napa, CA 94559

RETURN TO: City of St. Helena
Public Works Department
1088 College Ave.
St. Helena, CA 94574

Project Title: Oak Avenue Utilities Rehabilitation Project

Project Applicant: City of St. Helena, Public Works Department

Project Location: Oak Avenue, from Madrona Avenue to Mitchell Drive, City of St. Helena, Napa County, California. The project also includes work at the existing outfall structure at Sulphur Creek near the intersection of Oak Avenue and Mitchell Drive.

Project Description: The Oak Avenue Utilities Rehabilitation Project will replace the water, sanitary sewer and storm drain facilities in Oak Avenue, from Madrona Avenue to Mitchell Drive in the City of St. Helena. The project also includes replacing and upgrading the existing outfall structure at Sulphur Creek to accommodate the new storm drain.

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemptions
Article 18: Section 21080; 15260
[ ] Ministerial {Sec. 15268}
[ ] Feasibility / Planning Study {Sec. 15262}
[ ] Emergency Project {Sec. 15269}
[ ] Common Sense Exemption {Sec. 15061(b)(3)}

Categorical Exemptions
Article 19: Section 21084; 15300
[X] Existing Facilities {Sec. 15301}
[X] Replacement or Reconstruction {Sec. 15302}
[ ] Small Structures {Sec. 15303}
[X] Minor Alterations to Land {Sec. 15304}

Reasons why project is exempt:

- Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facilities): Applies to the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity or use.
- Section 15302 (Class 2 - Replacement or Reconstruction): Applies to the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility facilities located on the same site and serving substantially the same purpose and capacity. The new storm drain and upgraded outfall will replace existing facilities serving the same drainage area and function.
- Section 15304 (Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land): Applies to minor trenching, excavation, and backfilling activities where the surface is restored to pre-project condition.

The project will replace existing utility infrastructure within previously disturbed areas and will restore all disturbed surfaces. The project has been reviewed for exceptions under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and none apply. The project will not result in significant environmental effects due to unusual circumstances, will not affect scenic resources, hazardous materials sites, or historic resources, and will not contribute to cumulative impacts.

Lead Agency: St. Helena Public Works Department 1088 College Ave., St. Helena, CA 94574

Department/Contact Person: Public Works, Joe Leach P.E., Director **Phone #: 707-968-2658**

Signature

10/8/25
Date