

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Humboldt

825 5th Street

Eureka CA 95501

From: (Public Agency): City of Fortuna
621 11th Street
Fortuna CA 95540

(Address)

Project Title: Vancil Forest Acquisition

Project Applicant: City of Fortuna

Project Location - Specific:

West side of Carson Woods Road, East of Vancil Street, North of 14th Street, South of Barney Street.

Project Location - City: Fortuna

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

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Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fortuna

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fortuna

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15061 (B) (3)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the acquisition of 6.5 acres of vacant land. The project is exempt from CEQA because it is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15061 (b)(3)). Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Katey Schmidt

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-725-1408

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: Katey Schmidt Date: 11/18/25 Title: Senior Planner

• 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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