

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Lake
255. North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95403

From: (Public Agency): City of Clearlake
14050 Olympic Drive
Clearlake, CA 95422
(Address)

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit, CUP 2026-02 & Cateforical Exemption CE 2026-02

Project Applicant: Cind.yNuno

Project Location - Specific:
2450 Ogulin Canyon Road, Clearlake, California 95422 (010-044-11)

Project Location - City: Clearlake, CA Project Location - County: Lake County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
See Exhibit A (Project Description)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Clearlake, CA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cindy Nuno

- 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: Section 15303 (Class 3)
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of land use actions. After reviewing the application, agency comments, and the project's location within an urbanized area staff has determined the project to be Categorical Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Chapter 19, Section 15303 (c) - Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Staff determined the project qualifies for this exemption as it consists of the construction and location of new/small facilities or structures less than 2,500 SQFT of floor area involving the use of hazardous materials and/or less than 10,000 SQFT in an urbanized area. Additionally, based on the project design and with the incorporated conditions of approval there are no unusual circumstances which may lead to a significant effect on the environment, including impacting the scenic corridor along State Highway 53 as the structures will be placed outside the known corridor boundary.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mark Roberts - Senior Planner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 994-8201

- 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: Mark Roberts Date: 4/7/2026 Title: Senior Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Exhibit A (Project Description)

The proposed operation will function as a drive-up recycling facility where customers may enter the recycling yard and proceed to the designated customer service area to unload recyclable materials into designated containers.

An employee will be stationed near the entrance gate beneath a portable shade canopy equipped with a portable desk, chair, and weighing scale. Recyclable materials will be weighed on site, and customers will receive payment based on the weight of eligible California Redemption Value (CRV) containers.

The operation will include the placement of two 9-foot by 20-foot (360 square feet in total) storage sheds/cargo containers, which will be used for the storage of collected recyclable materials. To maintain site cleanliness and minimize visual impacts, no recyclable materials, trash, or debris will be stored outdoors overnight. All collected material will be stored within the secured containers. Materials will be periodically loaded into trucks and transported off-site to a licensed recycling processing facility. These storage sheds will remain locked and secured during non-operational hours, which are 9AM to 5PM Monday through Saturday.

The recycling yard will provide designated parking areas for staff and customers, including one ADA-compliant accessible parking space. A clearly defined accessible path of travel will connect the parking area to the customer service area. Additional site improvements will include perimeter landscaping along the north, west, and south boundaries of the fenced recycling yard. Motion-detecting solar lighting will be installed on both storage sheds to enhance nighttime security while minimizing energy consumption.