

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Humboldt
825 5th Street, 5th Floor
Eureka CA 95501

From: (Public Agency): City of Rio Dell
675 Wildwood Ave
Rio Dell, CA 95562; knoppk@cityofriodell.ca.gov
(Address)

Project Title: Metropolitan Wells Damage Repair Project

Project Applicant: City of Rio Dell

Project Location - Specific:
Across the Eel River from the City, north of downtown Rio Dell

Project Location - City: Rio Dell Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
On December 20, 2022, the City experienced a 6.4 magnitude earthquake and on January 1, 2023, the City experienced a 5.4 magnitude earthquake. These earthquakes caused extended periods of severe ground motion and resulted in significant damage to housing and infrastructure throughout the City. The five associated projects will repair the water infrastructure that was damaged during the earthquakes. This specific project will either repair the existing well or replace the well entirely depending on the extent of the damage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rio Dell

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Rio Dell

- 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: 15301 (b) and (d)
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project qualifies for an exemption under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. The project involves repair or replacement of a damaged structure to meet current standards of public health and safety following an earthquake and does not expand use, capacity, or footprint. The environmental review confirmed that none of the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines apply to the project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Kyle Knopp Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-764-3532

- 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: [Signature] Date: 3/17/26 Title: City Manager

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.