

Notice of Exemption

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From: County of Placer
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Environmental Coordination Services
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Project Title: JR Dudley Commercial Tenant Improvement Design Site Review Agreement

Project Number: PLN25-00393

APN: 040-175-002-000

Project Location: 461 Main Street in the unincorporated Newcastle area, Placer County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Design Site Review Agreement is for approval to allow architectural façade changes to the JR Dudley building as a commercial tenant improvement. This Design Site Review Agreement is for architectural façade modifications to an existing commercial building in downtown Newcastle. The existing building is a combination of brick on the front face and painted brick on the side and rear; these features of the building would remain unchanged. New changes to the building include replacing rear awnings with industrial-style horizontal awning with cable braces, gutters, and downspouts on the building frontage. Three new awnings would be constructed to the front entries. Storefront windows would be replaced to include dark bronze aluminum frames where white frames currently exist. Accessibility upgrades including signage, striping, and curbs would be made to the parking spaces.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Placer County

Entitlement/Action Date

Design Site Review Agreement / April 16, 2026

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Placer County Community Development Resource Agency

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: Sections 15301 and 15305
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is categorically exempt from environmental review in accordance with Sections 15301 and 15305 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and PCC Section 18.36.030 (Class 1 - Existing facilities) and Section 18.36.070 (Class 5 – Minor alterations in land use limitations) because modifications to an existing commercial building is an exempt project under Class 1 and approval of a Design Site Review Agreement is an exempt action under Class 5 that would not result in the creation of any new parcel. The Zoning Administrator will be required to make a finding to this effect.

Lead Agency Contact Person

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Signature Claudia Garcia Date 4/16/2026
Environmental Coordination Services