

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
1195 THIRD STREET, SUITE 210, NAPA, CA 94559

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Napa, CA 94559

Exempt From Recording Fee CG 2738

PROJECT TITLE: Napa County West Pueblo Avenue Ditch Repair Project

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: Drainage ditch parcel APN: 042-132-046-000 located between West Pueblo Avenue and Delpha Drive in the City of Napa but applicable parcel is under the jurisdiction of the County of Napa.

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): Napa

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the repair and improvement of an existing County-maintained stormwater drainage facility, including replacement of an existing open drainage ditch with a 24-inch storm drain pipe within the same alignment. Portions of the ditch have previously been piped. The work involves minor alterations to existing public infrastructure and reconstruction of an existing facility with substantially the same purpose and capacity, resulting in no expansion of use.

All work will occur within a previously disturbed corridor and within the existing drainage alignment. Construction will occur during the dry season, when there is no flow in the ditch. The project will not create any new disturbance areas beyond the existing facility footprint and will not result in significant environmental impacts.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Napa, PBES 1195 Third St, Suite 210, Napa Ca 94558

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Napa County Airport

ADDRESS: 2000 Airport Road, Napa, CA 94558

PHONE: 707-299-1694

EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQAG) section number: **Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction**
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Pursuant to Sections 15022(a)(1)(C) and 15300.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Napa County Board of Supervisors have adopted implementation procedures,

identifying specific projects that would be categorically exempt from established CEQA Guidelines. The proposed improvements would be considered Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities, which includes the operation and repair of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing of former use, and is further exempt under Appendix B of the Napa County's Local Procedures for implementing the California Quality Act – Class 1(1)(h) – Existing Facilities. The proposed improvements would also be considered Categorical Exempt pursuant to Section 15302, Class 2- Replacement or Reconstruction, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

A key consideration in the appropriateness of using these Categorical Exemptions is whether the project would be located on the same site, have substantially the same purpose and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. In terms of negligible expansion, the proposed project will take place within the existing ditch area and does not include significant expansions beyond existing conditions. The proposed project would repair and improve the ditch and eliminate erosion of the banks – increasing public safety and preserving public and private property. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption and has no reasonable possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The site of the development is not in an environmentally sensitive area and is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner, PBES 1195 Third St, Suite 210, Napa Ca
PHONE: (707) 253-4437 94558

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: _____



Title: Supervising Planner

Date: 6/5/2026

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at LCI: 6/5/2026



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Director

To: Sydney Barclay, Associate Engineer Public Works Department	From: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner Conservation and Planning Division
Date: April 1, 2026	Re: W Pueblo Avenue Ditch Repair Project

Background:

Pursuant to Section 303 of Napa County's Local Procedures for Implementing the California Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning, Building & Environmental Services Department has prepared this environmental evaluation for the proposed repair, rehabilitation and improvement of an existing County-maintained stormwater drainage facility located on a County-owned parcel located within the City of Napa between Delpha Drive and W Pueblo Avenue, specifically on APN: 042-132-046-000.

Project Location:

The parcel is a County owned property located within the City of Napa within the County of Napa. The work will occur on APN 042-132-046-000, a parcel which runs between the properties located off of Delpha Drive, Edith Court, Margo Court, Geraldine Court, Burnette Court and W Pueblo Avenue.

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Since this a repair project of existing facilities that will not include new disturbance areas, a Biological Reconnaissance Survey and a Cultural Resource Survey will not be prepared for this project.

CEQA Exemption Criteria and Analysis:

Article 19 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines) establishes a list of classes of projects that are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. Pursuant to Sections 15022(a)(1)(C) and 15300.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Napa County Board of Supervisors have adopted implementation procedures, identifying specific projects that would be categorically exempt from established CEQA

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The proposed improvement would also be in conformity with the adopted Napa County General Plan (June 2008). Improvements proposed for County owned, operated or occupied buildings and facilities are consistent with General Plan Policy AG/LU-29 which allows governmental organizations to operate and use existing structures/facilities, and to expand in size and/or volume, in order to upgrade or modernize facilities to meet public needs.

This determination is solely based on information provided by Syndey Barclay, Napa County Public Works. Should the proposed project be modified or new evidence be presented that environmental impacts have not been fully disclosed, this determination would not be valid.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dana Morrison at (707) 253-4437 or by e-mail at dana.morrison@countyofnapa.org.