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- ☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- ☒ County Administrative Fee \$50.00 (Required)

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1. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A: ☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity
2. APPLICANT EMAIL: Julia-Morrison@redwoods.edu
3. LEAD AGENCY: Redwoods Community College District
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5. PROJECT TITLE: College of the Redwoods Student Housing Replacement Project
6. APPLICANT NAME: Julia Morrison
7. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 7351 Tompkins Hill Rd, Eureka, CA 95501
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street, 5th Floor
Eureka, CA 95501

From: College of the Redwoods
7351 Tompkins Hill Rd
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Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: College of the Redwoods Student Housing Replacement Project

Project Location – Specific: College of the Redwoods, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA

Project Location – County: Humboldt

Description of Project: The Redwoods Community College District proposes to replace two aging residence halls on the northern portion of its campus with a new student housing and dining complex. The existing facilities, which currently provide 166 beds and require significant maintenance and seismic upgrades, will be replaced with a modern residence hall designed to accommodate approximately 246 students and staff. The new building will feature 67 dwelling units in a mix of apartment-style and semi-suite-style configurations, along with shared amenities such as study rooms, social spaces, a student lounge, and laundry facilities. A separate one-story dining hall and kitchen, totaling approximately 10,000 square feet, will support residential and campus-wide dining needs.

The project is intended to enhance student access, retention, and success by providing safe, affordable, and community-oriented housing. Beneficiaries include current and prospective students, campus staff, and the broader College community. Infrastructure improvements will include new driveways with emergency vehicle access, upgraded utility connections, fire safety systems, and sustainable stormwater management features such as bioretention areas. Landscaping will preserve existing trees where feasible and introduce new plantings and outdoor amenities to promote student interaction and recreation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Redwoods Community College District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Redwoods Community College District

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption - 14 CCR 15302 (Class 2 – Replacement or Reconstruction) and 14 CCR 15314 (Class 14 – Minor Additions to Schools)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt from CEQA under Class 2 (Section 15302) and Class 14 (Section 15314) Categorical Exemptions of the CEQA Guidelines. The project constitutes replacement of existing student housing to provide earthquake resistant structures on the College campus and does not increase the original student housing capacity beyond Class 2 thresholds. The dining hall and kitchen is a minor addition within the existing College campus and does not increase student capacity beyond the Class 14 thresholds. Environmental review confirmed no significant effects, and none of the exceptions under Section 15300.2 were found to apply.

The College of the Redwoods is located within the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone associated with the Little Salmon Fault. However, multiple studies have identified a fault-free, buildable area on campus where the project will be sited. Geotechnical investigations confirm no Holocene fault displacement or evidence of near-surface fault rupture within the project site, and no active faulting has been observed. The California Geological Survey (CGS) reviewed the project's engineering geology and seismology considerations and determined that all geologic and seismic issues have been adequately addressed. The project will comply with current seismic safety standards from the Department of the State Architect and CGS, and construction will follow site-specific recommendations from the geotechnical report, including seismic and foundation criteria, site preparation, and grading. The new residence hall will replace existing student housing with earthquake-resistant structures, enhancing seismic safety at the College campus. The project site is a developed softball field and irrigated lawn and does not contain sensitive habitats, critical habitat areas, or special-status plant or wildlife habitat. The project does not include tree removal or habitat disruption. No flood hazard zones or conservation plans apply to the area.

There are no officially designated State scenic highways in the project area. U.S. Highway 101 (US 101), located approximately 0.5 mile west of the project site, is designated as an eligible State scenic highway. However, the project site lies entirely outside the US 101 corridor and will not alter views from US 101.

The project site is not identified on any lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Review of archaeological and historical directories identified no recorded archaeological resources or historical buildings or structures within or adjacent to the project site. A Historic Resources Evaluation prepared for the project further determined that the existing residence halls to be replaced are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources, or local inventories. Therefore, no historical resources are present within the project area.

The project, when combined with cumulative projects, including the Physical Education Replacement Project and Solar Microgrid Project, is not anticipated to create a significant cumulative impact on an environmental resource. Construction activities for all three projects will be temporary and short-term. While simultaneous construction may increase vehicle trips and equipment movement, the College campus has sufficient internal circulation and access controls to manage temporary increases. The cumulative projects are in previously disturbed areas of the College campus, and standard construction practices and best management practices would limit potential cumulative impacts.

Lead Agency

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