

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Modoc

108 E. Modoc Street

Alturas, CA 96101

From: (Public Agency): Modoc County Planning Department
203 W. 4th Street
Alturas, CA 96101

(Address)

Project Title: Bidwell Canyon Underground Residential Distribution (URD) Replacement

Project Applicant: Surprise Valley Electrification Corp.

Project Location - Specific:

The project will be alongside County Road 224 in Bidwell Canyon. T46N, R16E, Section

Project Location - City: Fort Bidwell Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Surprise Valley Electric Corporation (SVEC) will install Underground Power Cable alongside County Road 224 in Bidwell Canyon, Fort Bidwell CA within the existing County right-of-way. SVEC and contracting parties will be conducting a Powerline system improvement in which overhead powerlines will be removed and underground power lines will be installed. The underground cable will start at the end of the pavement on County Road 224 and extend west approximately 4,800 feet alongside the County Road. This system improvement will greatly reduce the risk of wildfires and deliver reliable power to customers supplied by this section of line.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Modoc

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Surprise Valley Electrification Corp.

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: 15302(d) Replacement or Reconstruction
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of replacing an existing overhead electrical distribution line with a new underground electrical distribution line serving the same purpose and function. The replacement facilities will be located within the same general service area and will not result in an expansion of capacity beyond what is currently existing. Temporary ground disturbance associated with trenching and installation of the underground line will be restored upon completion of construction. Accordingly, the project qualifies for the Class 2 categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302(d).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sean Curtis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 233-6406

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: Sean Curtis Date: 18 June 26 Title: Interim Planning Director

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____