

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Humboldt

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From: (Public Agency): McKinleyville Community Services District
1656 Sutter Rd, McKinleyville, CA 95519
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(Address)

Project Title: MCSD Watermain Mad River Crossing Retrofit Project - Geotechnical Investigation

Project Applicant: McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD)

Project Location - Specific:

5115 Boyd Rd, Arcata, CA 95521 (APN 507-261-004)

Project Location - City: Arcata

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to obtain the data necessary for preparation of the design for a new water pipeline proposed by the MCSD under the Mad River to replace the existing aging pipeline. The investigation would include 2 geotechnical borings on the dry river bar that would be conducted over a period of several days between August 1 to September 15. Access to the boring location on the northern river bar would require the drilling rig to travel a limited number of times (twice) through the wetted channel. Drilling depth would range from 50-60 feet and the size of the boreholes would not exceed 8 inches.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: McKinleyville Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: McKinleyville Community Services District

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: 15306, Information Collection (Class 6)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The geotechnical investigation is for data collection, and with the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures proposed by the MCSD and required through state agency permits (CDFW and NCRWQCB), would not result in a serious or major disturbance to environmental resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Pat Kaspari, PE

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-839-3251

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: Patrick Kaspari Date: 07/02/2026 Title: General Manager

▪ 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: _____