HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FORM

Project Title: Lighthouse Road Emergency Protection Measures - Post Mile 3.4 - 4.0

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on Lighthouse Road between Post Miles 3.4 - 4.0.

Lighthouse Road is located off Mattole Road just south of Petrolia, CA.

GPS Coordinates: Latitude 40.289068 **Longitude** -124.334270

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project entails emergency protection work that consists of streambank stabilization and bioengineering techniques. During the declared disasters in 2023, 2024 and 2025 Lighthouse Road experienced significant flooding from the Mattole River which resulted serious roadway and embankment failures. Humboldt County Public Works is proposing to repair almost 0.5 mile of roadway and embankment as well as provide protection from future roadway failure due to localized flooding of the Mattole River. The project also proposes to protect further streambank failure downstream which could jeopardize a multi-million dollar restoration project immediately downstream of the project location.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Humboldt County Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Humboldt County Public Works

Exempt Status: ***Categorical Exemption***:

Section: 15269 (a-d); 15301 **Type:** Emergency Projects; Existing Facilities

Reason why project is exempt:

The project mentioned herein falls under Article 18 Statutory Exemptions and Categorical Exemption Class 1 (Existing Facilities) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 (a-d) and 15301. This exemption applies to emergency projects where State disaster(s) have been declared by the Governor of California as well as existing 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. There are no unusual circumstances or historical resources that would make this exemption inapplicable.

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Title: Environmental Permitting & Compliance Manager **Date Signed:** December 11, 2025

NOTE: The purpose of the CEQA Determination Form is to document the Department's decision that a project is exempt from further CEQA review. Forms are maintained in the Department's internal files. Filing a Notice of Exemption with the county clerk is optional and not required (CEQA Guidelines 15062). The only effect of filing a Notice of Exemption is to shorten the statute of limitations period on legal challenges regarding the decision that the project is exempt from further CEQA review, from 180 days to 35 days. For typical projects, Public Works does not file a Notice of Exemption.