NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Shasta County Clerk
County of Shasta
P.O. Box 990880, 1643 Market Street
Redding, CA 96099-0880

FROM: City of Redding
Public Works Department
777 Cypress Avenue
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Sacramento River Trail Overlook Project
Project Location – Specific: Riverside Drive at Benton Drive
Project Location – City: Redding **Project Location – County**: Shasta
Description of Project: The City of Community Services Department will construct a viewing and seating area overlooking the Sacramento River. The project is needed as there are no other viewing areas in which to take in the beauty and history of this site. The project includes the installation of overhead shelters, benches, pavers, trash receptacles, interpretive panels, wayfinding signage, a bicycle rack, and planting of trees and native vegetation. Construction will involve earthwork, grading, trenching, and concrete work. All work will occur on City property and within the City Right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Travis Menne, Director - Community Services Department

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- ☐ Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- ☐ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- ☐ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3]).
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301. Existing Facilities, Section 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and Section 15304. Minor Alteration to Land.
  - ☒ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRD 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2).

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 exemptions include the operation and repair of existing public structures and facilities. Class 3 exemptions consist of construction and location of new small facilities or structures. Class 4 exemptions include the minor alteration of land. The project will be constructed in a previously disturbed right of way area, no healthy mature trees will be removed, and the project will result in a negligible expansion of use. The project area has been reviewed for sensitive resources such as threatened or endangered species or their habitats, sensitive vegetation communities, and tribal cultural resources. The project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley **Telephone:** 530.225.4046

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: Amber Kelley **Date:** 6-7-2024

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:_____

☐ Signed by Applicant