

## APPENDIX E: NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

### Notice of Exemption

**To:** Office of Planning and Research

P.O. Box 3044, Room 212

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**County Clerk**

County of **Shasta**

Shasta County Clerk / Registrar of Voters

1643 Market Street, Redding, CA 96001

**From:** (Public Agency) **California Construction Authority**

(Lead Agency for CEQA)

(Address) 1776 Tribute Road, Suite 220

Sacramento, CA 95815

**Project Title:** **North State Community Cooling Amphitheater & Resilience Corridor Project**

**Project Location – Specific:**

Shasta District Fair & Event Center, 1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007. Project area comprises approximately 68.51 acres of the developed fairgrounds campus, encompassing State-owned Assessor Parcel Numbers 202-560-019, 202-590-001, 202-590-007, 202-590-040, 202-590-042, and 202-590-043. USGS Quadrangle: Cottonwood, CA (7.5'); Township 30 North, Range 4 West, Section 22, Mount Diablo Meridian.

**Project Location – City:** Anderson

**Project Location – County:** Shasta

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Project transforms the existing 68.51-acre Shasta District Fair & Event Center campus into a year-round community cooling and climate-resilience corridor for Anderson and the wider Shasta County North State. Improvements consist of minor alterations to already-developed land and existing facilities, including: (a) installation of a shade-canopy amphitheater plaza over existing paved surface; (b) planting of a native and climate-adapted plant palette developed with regional botanical expertise; (c) replacement of impermeable pavement with permeable pavement and stormwater capture features at existing parking and circulation areas; (d) expansion of tree canopy across previously landscaped grounds; and (e) an accessible walking loop connecting existing community-use facilities. No new structures increase the footprint of existing facilities, no healthy mature scenic trees will be removed, no grading will occur on slopes exceeding 10 percent, and no work will occur in waterways or wetlands.

Purpose: During extreme heat events, wildfire smoke episodes, and power-shutoff emergencies, the improved campus will serve as a community cooling and resilience refuge. Beneficiaries: residents of the City of Anderson and unincorporated Shasta County, including CalEnviroScreen-identified disadvantaged and low-income communities served within the Project area.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Construction Authority

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Construction Authority, on behalf of the 27th District Agricultural Association

**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:** [Class 1 – Existing Facilities \(§ 15301\)](#) and [Class 4 – Minor Alterations to Land \(§ 15304\)](#), [CEQA Guidelines, 14 CCR §§ 15301, 15304](#).
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

The Project qualifies for categorical exemption under both Class 1 and Class 4 of the CEQA Guidelines:

Class 1 — Existing Facilities (14 CCR § 15301). The Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, and minor alteration of existing publicly owned structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. The Shasta District Fair & Event Center is a State-owned, developed fairgrounds facility that has operated continuously since the 1940s. All improvements — the amphitheater shade canopy, permeable pavement, walking loop, and landscape enhancements — occur on already-developed portions of the campus and do not expand fairgrounds operations beyond current use.

Class 4 — Minor Alterations to Land (14 CCR § 15304). The Project consists of minor alterations in the condition of land and vegetation that do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Specifically, § 15304(b) exempts "new gardening or landscaping, including the replacement of existing conventional landscaping with water efficient or fire resistant landscaping," which describes the native and climate-adapted plant palette and tree canopy expansion at the core of the Project. Related site work does not involve grading on slopes exceeding 10 percent, disturbance of waterways or wetlands, or work within designated scenic or seismic hazard areas.

None of the exceptions to categorical exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply: the Project is not located in a designated sensitive environment; will not result in a cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place; will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; will not damage scenic resources within an officially designated state scenic highway; is not located on a hazardous-waste site listed pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5; and will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. A Sacred Lands File search request has been submitted to the Native American Heritage Commission and tribal consultation is being conducted consistent with the intent of Public Resources Code § 21080.3.1.

**Lead Agency**

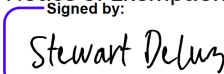
**Contact Person:** Stewart DeLuz, Regional Project Manager, California Construction Authority

**Area Code / Telephone / Extension:** (916) 263-6100 Email: [SDeLuz@CCAAuthority.org](mailto:SDeLuz@CCAAuthority.org)

**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**

Signed by:   
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/2/2026 Title: **Regional Project Manager,**  
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**California Construction Authority**

☒ **Signed by Lead Agency** Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Signed by Applicant

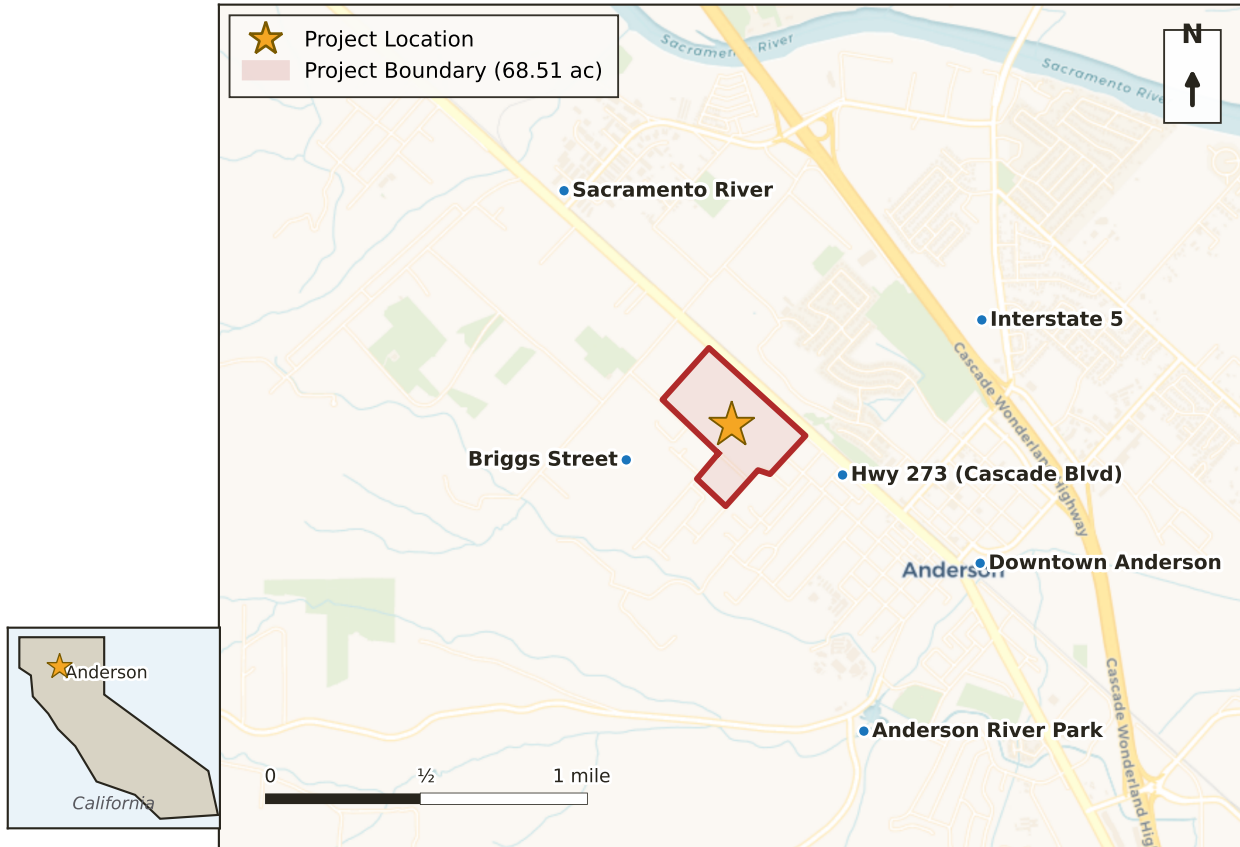
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# LOCATION MAP

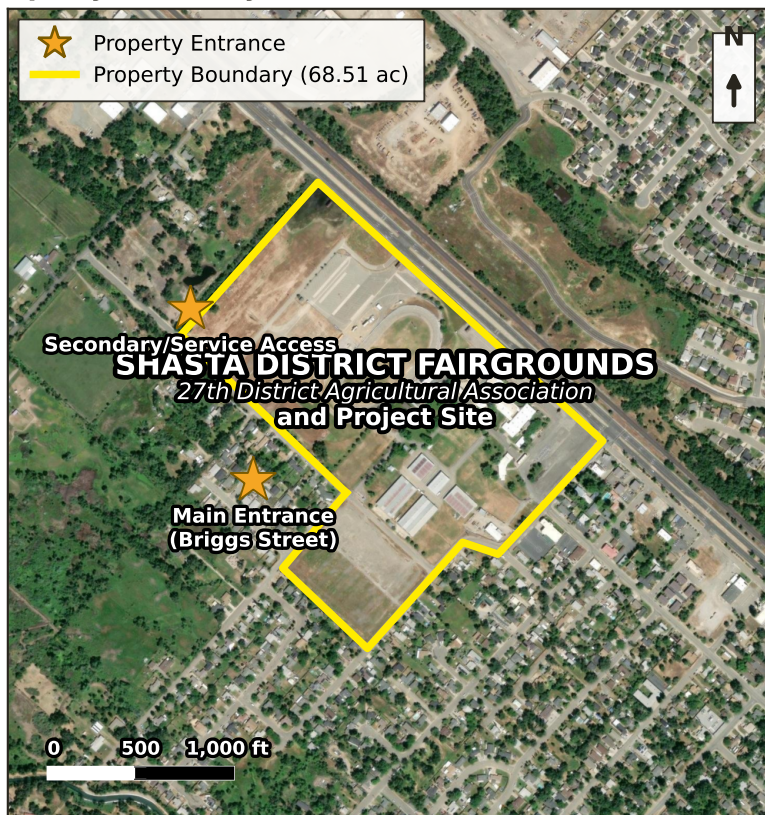
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## Vicinity / Street Map — Shasta District Fairgrounds and Surrounding Neighborhood



## Aerial Photograph — Property Boundary, Entrances, and Site Detail



Site: 1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007 · Shasta County · Centroid: 40.4547° N, 122.3115° W

USGS Quadrangle: Cottonwood, CA (7.5) · T30N R4W Section 22, Mount Diablo Meridian

Senate District 4 · Assembly District 1 · Congressional District 1

APNs (State-owned): 202-560-019, 202-590-001, 202-590-007, 202-590-040, 202-590-042, 202-590-043

Sources: Esri World Imagery (aerial); CartoDB Voyager / OpenStreetMap (street); Shasta County Assessor (parcels); 27th DAA GIS (project boundary). Prepared August 13, 2026.



August 14, 2026

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**RE: Authorization to File CEQA Notice of Exemption on Behalf of the 27th District Agricultural Association — North State Community Cooling Amphitheater & Resilience Corridor Project, 1890 Briggs Street, Anderson, CA 96007 (Shasta County)**

Dear Mr. Deluz:

The 27th District Agricultural Association ("27th DAA"), operating as the Shasta District Fair & Event Center ("SDF"), hereby authorizes the California Construction Authority ("CCA") to act as the 27th DAA's designated agent for the limited purpose of preparing, executing, and filing the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Notice of Exemption (Appendix E, CEQA Guidelines) for the North State Community Cooling Amphitheater & Resilience Corridor Project (the "Project") with the Shasta County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse.

This authorization extends to all administrative actions reasonably necessary to complete the CEQA Notice of Exemption filing, including but not limited to: (i) transmitting the executed Notice of Exemption to the Shasta County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse; (ii) paying applicable filing and processing fees on behalf of the 27th DAA, with reimbursement to be reconciled through the Project's construction management agreement; (iii) obtaining conformed and file-stamped copies of the filed Notice of Exemption for the Project record; and (iv) providing the file-stamped Notice of Exemption to the California Natural Resources Agency as required by Appendix F of the Urban Greening Grant Program Guidelines.

#### **Lead Agency Status**

The 27th DAA remains the CEQA Lead Agency for the Project. The Notice of Exemption will be signed by Melanie Silva, Chief Executive Officer of the 27th DAA, as the authorized representative of the Lead Agency. CCA's role under this authorization is administrative — acting as the 27th DAA's construction-management agent for the purposes of filing — and does not transfer Lead Agency responsibilities or CEQA decision-making authority.

#### **Project Summary**

The Project transforms the existing 68.51-acre Shasta District Fair & Event Center campus into a year-round community cooling and climate-resilience corridor for Anderson and the wider Shasta County North State. Improvements consist of minor alterations to already-developed land and existing State-owned facilities, including a shade-canopy amphitheater plaza over existing paved surface, a native and climate-adapted plant palette, permeable pavement retrofits, expanded tree canopy, and an accessible walking loop. The Project qualifies for categorical exemption under Class 1

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(Existing Facilities, CEQA Guidelines § 15301) and Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land, CEQA Guidelines § 15304).

#### **Filing Timing**

The 27th DAA anticipates approving the Notice of Exemption prior to award of the California Natural Resources Agency Urban Greening Grant (Round 8), and will coordinate the exact filing date with CCA once the grant award is confirmed, consistent with Public Resources Code § 21152 and CEQA Guidelines § 15062. Please file the Notice of Exemption with the Shasta County Clerk within five (5) working days of the 27th DAA's project approval and post to the State Clearinghouse concurrently. The Notice will be posted by the County Clerk for at least thirty (30) days pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21152(c).

#### **Attached**

For your file, please find enclosed the completed CEQA Notice of Exemption (Appendix E) for the Project, ready for the 27th DAA's execution and CCA's filing.

#### **Point of Contact**

**Melanie Silva, Chief Executive Officer**

Shasta District Fair & Event Center (27th DAA)

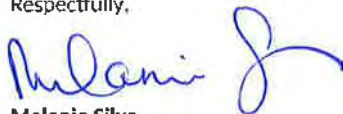
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Thank you for CCA's continued partnership on this Project. Please confirm receipt of this authorization and provide a projected filing date once the award notification is issued.

Respectfully,



**Melanie Silva**

Chief Executive Officer

Shasta District Fair & Event Center

27th District Agricultural Association

**Enclosure:** CEQA Notice of Exemption (Appendix E) — North State Community Cooling Amphitheater & Resilience Corridor Project

cc: 27th DAA Board of Directors; Tina Wynegar, Grant Strategist; Project File