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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION** **By** _____
Deputy clerk

**TO:** County Clerk
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Lakeport, CA 95453

Office of Planning & Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

**FROM:** Lake County Community Development Dept.
255 North Forbes Street
Lakeport, CA 95453

**PROJECT TITLE:** Clear Lake QZ Prevention Implementation Grant FY 2025-2027

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Centered on Clear Lake, Lake County, CA but benefits will be regional. GPS location for the center of Clear Lake, CA is 122° 43.115'W 38° 58.941'N (38.982350, -122.718583)

**COUNTY:** Lake

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** The project will continue to improve the current Lake County Invasive Mussel Prevention Plan by funding another 2 years of boat ramp monitors, provide education, and improve local and state law compliance with persons recreating on Clear Lake. The project will also improve mussel prevention outreach and education via digital, radio, and social media outlets. Lastly, the project will complete the transition and continue maintenance of the digital screening and monitoring of boaters to improve inspection processes. These technologies allow Lake County to connect, in real-time, with other AIS managers using digital systems to track incoming vessels, enhancing the ability to successfully detect a potential mussel introduction more effectively. This project does not involve any construction, building, or alteration of landscapes, lands, or natural features, this is strictly an outreach and education project.

**NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT:** Lake County Community Development Department

**NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT:** Thomas Fardig

**EXEMPT STATUS (Check One):**

□ Ministerial [Section 21080(b); 15268];
□ Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
□ Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
□ Statutory Exemption: State code number: _____;
X Categorical Exemption (15307, 15308, 15322 of the State CEQA Guidelines)

□ General Rule [Section 15061(b)(3)]

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Class 7 and Class 8 - The project is consistent with the Class 7 and Class 8 exemptions which allow for the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource or of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. Additionally, Class 22 - The project is consistent with the Class 22 exemption which allows the adoption, alteration or termination of educational or training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected.

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**Signature:**  **Date:** September 14, 2026

Title: Assistant Resource Planner