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CITY OF WEED		07/22/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
SISKIYOU COUNTY	2026-47-039	
PROJECT TITLE		

MILL FIRE STORMWATER DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
CITY OF WEED		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
550 MAIN STREET	WEED	CA
		ZIP CODE
		96094

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 4,227.50	\$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 3,043.75	\$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,437.25	\$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$ _____
☒ County documentary handling fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
☐ Other		\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 0000012887 **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X ENDORSED-D. BROOKS	Dana Brooks Deputy Clerk

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Siskiyou County

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LANBOBSE, D. BROOKS
Deputy Clerk

BY: ENDORSED-D. BROOKS
Deputy Clerk

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: City Of Weed
550 Main Street
Weed, CA 96094

☒ County Clerk
County of Siskiyou
311 Fourth Street, Room 201
Yreka, CA 96097

Mill Fire Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure Replacement Project
Project Title

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood, Weed, CA 96094
Project Location - Specific

Weed
Project Location - City

Siskiyou County
Project Location - County

The City of Weed (City) is proposing to replace fire-damaged stormwater drainage infrastructure in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. The proposed project would remove and replace 2,710 linear feet of concrete curb and gutter, 790 linear feet of concrete curb, and 28 concrete driveway aprons, and would install six ADA concrete curb ramps. Asphalt paving work would pulverize and overlay 4,140 square yards of damaged pavement and cold plane and overlay an additional 3,560 square yards of damaged pavement. Storm drainage system work would remove and replace 325 linear feet of 18-inch corrugated metal pipe with an 18-inch HDPE stormwater drainage main pipeline, remove and replace five storm drain catch basins, and install three storm drain manholes. The proposed project would occur entirely within existing disturbed street rights-of-way and would not expand the existing stormwater drainage system capacity or alter its operational purpose. Project construction is anticipated to begin in July 2026.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

City Of Weed
Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Dr. Dustin Stambaugh, City Manager
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- ☐ 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: Section 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed project includes the in-kind replacement and reconstruction of fire-damaged stormwater drainage infrastructure within the existing public street rights-of-way in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. The proposed project would remove and replace damaged curb and gutter, driveway aprons, asphalt pavement, corrugated metal pipe, and catch basins within existing public rights-of-way. The replacement stormwater infrastructure would serve the same function of conveying stormwater runoff as the damaged structures being replaced and would not increase the design capacity of the existing stormwater drainage system. Further, the proposed project would not increase the number of stormwater facilities or alter the drainage pattern within the neighborhood. As such, the proposed project qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction, because the project consists of the replacement of existing facilities located on the same site, with the same purpose and capacity as the structures being replaced.

See Attachment to Notice of Exemption for further explanation on the evaluation of the proposed project, as it relates to Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, which is available for review at the City of Weed, City Hall, 550 Main Street, Weed, CA 96094.

Reasons why project is exempt

Dr. Dustin Stambaugh, City Manager
Contact Person:

(530) 938-5020
Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

Attachment to Notice of Exemption
Mill Fire Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure Replacement Project
City of Weed

The City of Weed (City) is proposing to replace fire-damaged stormwater drainage infrastructure in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. This supplemental information justifies the Categorical Exemption for the proposed project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction).

1. EXISTING CONDITIONS

PROJECT LOCATION AND SURROUNDING USES

The City of Weed is located in Siskiyou County, California, approximately 49 miles south of the California-Oregon border and ten miles west of Mount Shasta. The project site is located within the Lincoln Heights neighborhood (Project Area), situated in the eastern portion of the City, at the intersection of Interstate 5 and U.S. Route 97 (see Figure 1, *Project Area Location Map*). The project area is a residential neighborhood previously characterized by single-family homes, though those structures have since burned down. The project area lies within the Beaughan Creek stormwater drainage basin. To the north lies East Lincoln Avenue, with a portion of Lincoln Park having been burned down. To the south lies Cypress Street, where the surrounding hillside has also been burned down. To the east lies a wooded hillside across from Railroad Avenue. To the west lies US Highway 97, with the Mt. Shasta Baptist Church, single-family homes, and two housing units that have also burned down situated across the highway.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

The City's stormwater drainage system in Lincoln Heights consists of drain inlets, corrugated metal pipe, drainage ditches, and, in the East Lincoln Heights neighborhood, crowned paved streets with continuous concrete curb and gutter. Many of the storm drain facilities in East Lincoln Heights were originally constructed in 1982. On September 2, 2022, the Mill Fire, a presidentially declared wildfire disaster (FEMA Declaration FM-5450-CA), ignited and burned through the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. The severe wildfire event destroyed several homes and significantly impacted the City's stormwater infrastructure in adjacent streets. Heat from the fire caused extensive damage to the street asphalt and concrete curb and gutter components. Damaged concrete exhibits a pinkish-blue hue and spalling, indicating structurally compromised material that will deteriorate rapidly. The heat also volatilized oils in portions of the street paving, causing permanent structural damage that renders the pavement inadequate for proper stormwater runoff conveyance.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the in-kind replacement and reconstruction of fire-damaged stormwater drainage infrastructure within the existing public street rights-of-way in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. The proposed project consists of three primary components: concrete stormwater infrastructure work, asphalt paving stormwater infrastructure work, and storm drainage system infrastructure work. The proposed project would remove and replace 2,710 linear feet of concrete curb

and gutter, 790 linear feet of concrete curb, and 28 concrete driveway aprons, and would install six (6) ADA concrete curb ramps. Asphalt paving work would pulverize and overlay 4,140 square yards of damaged pavement and cold plane and overlay an additional 3,560 square yards of damaged pavement. Storm drainage system work would remove and replace 325 linear feet of 18-inch corrugated metal pipe with 18-inch HDPE stormwater drainage main pipeline, remove and replace five (5) storm drain catch basins, and install three (3) storm drain manholes (see Figure 2, *Proposed Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure Work Location Map*). The proposed project would occur entirely within existing disturbed street rights-of-way and would not expand the existing stormwater drainage system capacity or alter its operational purpose. Project construction is anticipated to begin in July 2026.

3. REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The proposed project is exempt from further environmental review, as described below, under the requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) because it is consistent with Class 2, Replacement and Reconstruction.

Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines § 15302) consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and 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 (CEQA Guidelines § 15302).

The proposed project qualifies for a Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) exemption under CEQA § 15302 because the proposed project consists of the replacement and reconstruction of existing stormwater drainage facilities located on the same site, with the same purpose and capacity as the facilities being replaced. The proposed project includes the in-kind replacement of damaged curb and gutter, driveway aprons, asphalt pavement, corrugated metal pipe, and catch basins within existing public rights-of-way. The replacement stormwater infrastructure would serve the same function of conveying stormwater runoff as the damaged structures being replaced and would not increase the design capacity of the existing stormwater drainage system. Further, the proposed project would not increase the number of stormwater facilities or alter the drainage pattern within the neighborhood. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

4. REVIEW OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

The proposed project has been reviewed under CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 for any characteristics or circumstances that might invalidate findings that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA. CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 identifies six possible exceptions to categorical exemptions.

- **Location.** For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the proposed project impact sensitive environments or be located on a hazardous site?
- **Cumulative Impacts.** Will the proposed project result in a cumulative impact?
- **Significant Impacts.** Will the proposed project result in a significant impact on the environment?
- **Scenic Highways.** Will the proposed project impact scenic resources, such as trees, historic

buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within an officially designated state scenic highway?

- **Hazardous Waste Sites.** Will the proposed project be located on a site that is included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5?
- **Historical Resources.** Will the proposed project impact historical resources?

Table 1, *Site Exceptions Explanation*, provides reasoning as to why the proposed project would not meet the exceptions to categorical exemptions and is therefore exempt under CEQA.

Table 1 Site Exceptions Explanation

Site Exceptions	Explanation
Location	The exception for impacts to sensitive environments and hazardous sites applies to Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11. The proposed project qualifies for a Class 2 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.
Cumulative Impacts	The proposed project involves limited construction activities confined to existing, disturbed public street rights-of-way within the Lincoln Heights neighborhood. The proposed project would not result in an expansion of the stormwater system's use, alter existing drainage patterns, or generate new long-term sources of emissions, noise, or traffic. All work would occur within the boundaries of the existing rights-of-way. The proposed project's potential effects are temporary and localized. Although the City may undertake other recovery projects related to the Mill Fire, the proposed project is an independent utility infrastructure replacement project. Any successive projects would be subject to independent environmental review. Because there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed project, when viewed in connection with other recovery projects, would result in a significant cumulative impact, this exception does not apply.
Significant Impacts	There is no reasonable possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The proposed project was determined to be a NEPA Categorical Exclusion with no adverse environmental impact. The proposed project involves the in-kind replacement of damaged stormwater infrastructure and would not change the function, expand the use, or increase capacity. Operational impacts would be identical to pre-fire conditions. Therefore, there is no reasonable possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, and this exception does not apply.
Scenic Highways	According to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the project site is approximately 50.5 miles north of State Route 151 (SR-151), which is the nearest designated state scenic highway (Caltrans 2019). Given the significant distance, intervening topography, and the local-scale nature of the in-kind utility replacement work, the proposed project would not be visible from SR-151 and would not impact scenic resources within an officially designated state scenic highway. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Hazardous Waste Sites	A review of federal and state regulatory databases was conducted for the project site. The project site is not listed as a hazardous waste handler on the Hazardous Waste Tracking System, nor is it listed on any list compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5, including the DTSC EnviroStor database, the State Water Resources Control Board GeoTracker database, the USEPA EnviroMapper database, or the CalRecycle SWIS Facility/Site database (DTSC 2026a, DTSC 2026b, USEPA 2026, SWRCB 2026, CalRecycle 2026). Therefore, this exception does not apply.
Historic Resources	The project site is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places or California Historic Resources (NPS 2020, OHP 2026). Therefore, this exception does not apply.
Sources: Caltrans 2019; DTSC 2025, 2026a, 2026b; UESPA 2026; SWRCB 2026; CalRecycle 2026; NPS 2020; OHP 2026.	

5. CONCLUSION

The proposed project qualifies for a categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction) because the proposed project consists of the in-kind replacement of existing stormwater drainage structures and facilities on the same site, involving no expansion of use or change in capacity. As outlined in the analysis, the proposed project would not result in significant or cumulatively considerable impacts, adversely affect scenic highways or historic resources, or be located on a hazardous materials site, per the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2. Consequently, the proposed project would not lead to significant environmental impacts and is therefore categorically exempt.

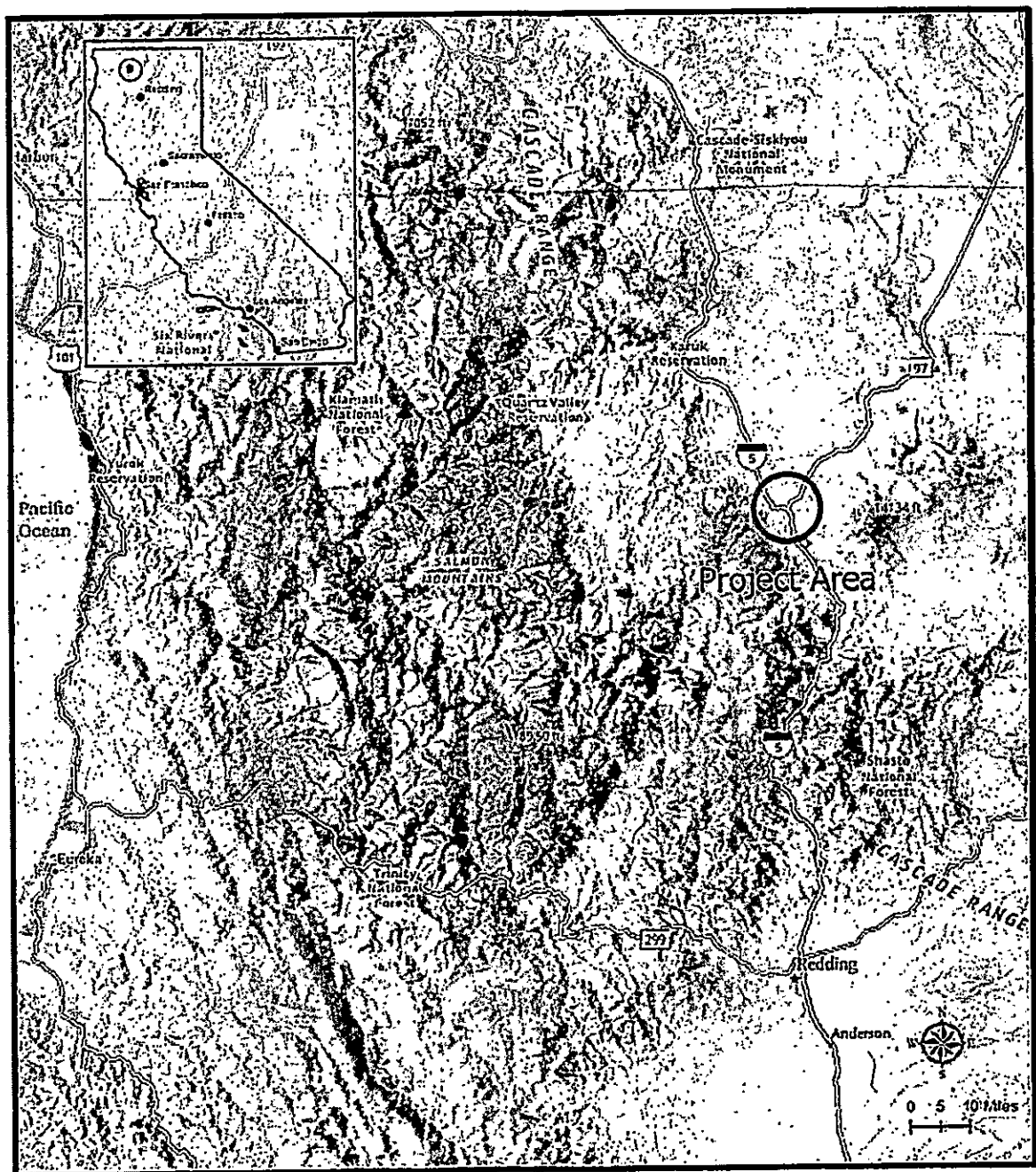


Figure 1 – Project Area Location Map



Figure 2 – Proposed Stormwater Drainage Infrastructure Work Location Map



6. REFERENCES

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Attachments

Simplified Preliminary Engineering Report AMENDMENT NO. 1

2026 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On July 22, 2026, City of Weed filed an application
(Date) (Name)
for development with the City of Weed. Before the application
(Name of City)
is accepted as complete for processing, fees in the following amount(s) must be deposited with
the County Clerk.

☒	Clerk Processing Fee	\$50.00
☐	Negative Declaration	\$3,043.75*
☐	EIR	\$4,227.50
☐	Categorically Exempt	\$0.00
☐	Statutorily Exempt	\$0.00
☐	Fee Exemption issued by the DFG	\$0.00
☐	Other _____	\$ _____

No project shall be operative, vested or final until the required fee is paid. *Public Resources Code §21089 (b)*

On 7/22/2026, City of Weed deposited \$ 50.00.
(Date) (Name)

with the Siskiyou County Clerk ENDORSED-D. BROOKS.
(Attest)

Application No. N/A Receipt # 2026005381/
(To be completed when application is received for processing) 47-07/22/2026-039

* If it is determined by Siskiyou County that the fee required for a Negative Declaration does not apply to your project a refund will be granted.
2025 Fee Form

Laura Bynum

Siskiyou

County Clerk/Registrar of Voters

311 4th St., Rm. 201

Yreka, CA 96097

(530) 842-8084

Public

Receipt No.: RPT20260000000572

Finalization No.: 2026005281

Cashier: dbrooks

Register: CLK-044

Date/Time: 07/22/2026 09:05 AM

Description	Fee
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION	
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Filing Time:	09:05 AM
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Filing Total:	\$50.00
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Filing Fee:	\$50.00
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Total Amount Due:	\$50.00
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Total Paid

Check Tendered:	\$50.00
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Amount Due:	\$0.00
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