Notice of Exemption (Revised)

TO:

X Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95812

Tehama County Clerk X 633 Washington Street, #12 Red Bluff, CA 96080

FROM:

**Tehama County Environmental Health Department** 633 Washington Street, Room 36 Red Bluff, CA 96080

Project Title: Wilson Acres Mutual Water Company Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project

Project Location: The proposed project is located within an unincorporated area of Tehama County, ~0.6 miles south of the City of Red Bluff. As shown in Figure 1, project improvements would occur in Section 4 of Township 26 North, Range 3 West of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Red Bluff East 7.5-minute quadrangle. This revised Notice of Exemption addresses improvements on District-owned property (Tehama County Assessor's Parcel Number 035-252-014) and within the paved road rights-of-way (ROWs) of Alma Avenue, Fern Avenue, Citrus Road, and Orange Grove Road (see Figure 2).

City: Unincorporated

County: Tehama

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

The Wilson Acres Mutual Water Company (MWC) is a water system that currently serves 32 residences and approximately 75 customers. The existing well and water components were originally constructed in the 1950s to serve the community. The water source is groundwater pumped from a well located northwest of the intersection of Alma Avenue and Orange Grove Road. The groundwater is pumped into a 900-gallon pressure tank that was installed in 2016 adjacent to the well.

The original project included replacing ~3,200 feet of the existing water mains with new 4-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water mains and replacing the 32 existing water service lines. The purpose of the project is to replace failing and aging water infrastructure to provide safe and reliable water to customers.

The revised project includes the following improvements:

- Replacing ~3,200 feet of the existing water mains with new 6-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water mains.
- Replacing the 32 existing water service lines.
- Installation of water meters with backflow preventors at the existing 32 residences.
- Installing a concrete masonry unit (CMU) block building around the well head.
- Upgrading all electrical equipment including well pumps, flow meter, and conduits.
- Replacement of an existing 900-gallon hydropneumatic tank with a new 13,000-gallon hydropneumatic tank to meet maximum day demand.
- Installation of an emergency standby generator with an automatic transfer switch.

All work would be completed in previously disturbed areas, and no trees would be removed to accommodate the proposed improvements. Paved roads would be repaved following the installation of the water main improvements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

Tehama County

Name of Agency Carrying out the Project:

Wilson Acres Mutual Water Company

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Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption:

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines):

Class 1, §15301 (Existing Facilities)

Class 2, §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction)

Class 3, §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

## Reason Why Project Is Exempt:

Class 1 covers the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 2 covers replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. Class 3 covers the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures.

The project is consistent with the exemptions noted above because work would consist of replacement of the existing water mains, water service laterals, old electrical equipment, and hydropneumatic tank; construction of a small structure; and installation of health/safety monitoring devices (water meters with backflow preventors) and a new generator. All work would be completed in previously disturbed areas within public road ROWs, and the ground surface would be restored following construction. No expansion of the water system would occur.

As documented in the original Notice of Exemption (SCH 2024100476), the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances; would not result in damage to scenic resources within a Scenic Highway; is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code; would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource; and would not result in cumulative impacts. The proposed modifications would not change project impacts, and no new potentially significant impacts would occur.

Signature:

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Director of Tehama County Environmental Health/Code Enforcement

Attachments:

Figure 1: Project Location and Vicinity

Figure 2: Study Area Boundary



