

# ENVIRONMENTAL PACKAGE (PLANNING)

Applicant (Entity) Name: GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT	
Project Title: MEADOWS AERIAL RECONSTRUCTION	Project Number:
Contact Person: JENNIE SHORT	Phone: (707) 223-4567

## I. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status

1. Has a CEQA document been completed which identifies any portion of the planning project?

**NOTE: All funded projects must be circulated at the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (OPR)**

- Yes - Document name: MEADOWS AERIAL WATERLINE NOE  
Lead agency approval date: OCTOBER 22, 2019  
State Clearinghouse Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a copy of the Notice of Exemption (label as Attachment E1).**

- No

2. Has a CEQA lead agency been identified for the planning project?

**NOTE: If the applicant is a public agency, then they are their own CEQA lead agency and must file a Notice of Exemption stating the water system will be utilizing State Revolving Funds to conduct a planning study.**

- Yes - CEQA lead agency: GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT

**Attach a copy of the Notice of Exemption that was filed at OPR and the County (label as Attachment E1).**

The following exemptions can be applied to planning / feasibility studies:

- Statutory Exemption (no ground disturbing activities)  
Feasibility and Planning Studies (CCR, Title 14, Article 18, Section 15262)
- Categorical Exemption (if project includes pilot studies, test wells, grading, boreholes, etc.)  
Class 6, Information Collection (CCR, title 14, Article 19, Section 15306)

NOTE: This exemption class may need further evaluation if the planning project is located in an area where the project could result in impacts to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern.

- No - For private, mutual and investor-owned utilities, the State Water Board may be the CEQA Lead Agency and will file a Notice of Exemption to conduct a planning study.

## II. General Information

1. Describe any grading, excavation, pilot wells, or other ground-breaking activities that may be a part of the planning project. Include a parcel or project schematic map (label as **Attachment E2**).

Some pot holing in existing asphalt roadways may need to be accomplished during the planning/design phase to locate the existing waterline in Redwood Drive.

2. List and describe any other related permits and/or other public approvals required including those requiring local or state approvals.

General Plan conformance determination by Humboldt County  
SWRCB-DDW for water permit

3. Is the project located in an area designated as:

	Yes	No	
a.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Critical habitat for special status species
b.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Critical habitat for an endangered species
c.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unique habitat ( <i>e.g., wildlife refuge, deer wintering range</i> )
d.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Important farmland
e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wetlands
f.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wild and scenic rivers
g.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Officially designated scenic area
h.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Archeological sites
i.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Floodplains
j.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hazardous Waste and Substances Site

Explain:

Bear Gulch/Canyon is generally designated as an open space general plan zone. The District is unaware of any critical habitat for various species. Should the selected alternative be to replace the aerial adjacent to the existing one, numerous studies will need to be undertaken. If the alternative selected is to route the aerial within existing roadways and bridge structures, then the location of the studies will be different. Once the pre-design tasks are completed and the SWRCB-DDW concurs with the recommended alternative, the exact project location will be known, and more will be known about the possible environmental concerns for that location and the associated construction. The planning phase will not affect any of the items on the checklist.

4. Unusual Circumstances: Evaluate the following elements to determine if there are any unusual circumstances. For any "Yes" answers discuss the possibility of significant environmental impact resulting from the unusual circumstance. Use attachments if necessary, or reference any attached documents (label as **Attachment E3**).

- |    | Yes                      | No                                  |   |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In an area of undisturbed, unique, or high-quality habitat  |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | On or adjacent to wildlife migration routes   |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In an area of unique recreational facilities or resources   |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | On or adjacent to a unique stream or water body   |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves removal of mature, scenic trees  |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves grading in a waterway or wetland   |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves a substantial alteration of ground contours  |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves new or increased use of a critically depleted groundwater basin or groundwater basin subject to salinity intrusion |
| i. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In an area with important mineral resources   |
| j. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves production of significant amounts of solid wastes or litter  |
| k. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial new or increased emission of dust, ash, smoke, fumes, odors, or other pollutants                       |
| l. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial change in noise or vibration levels in vicinity (beyond the property line)                             |
| m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In an area of sensitive noise receptors   |
| n. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | On slopes of 10 percent or more or on highly erodible soil  |
| o. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | In an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard  |
| p. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves new or increased use or disposal of hazardous materials, flammables, or explosives                                 |
| q. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial change in demand for municipal services  |
| r. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves traffic impacts in an area with traffic problems   |
| s. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial increase in fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.)                                     |
| t. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | On United States Forest Service land  |

Explain:

There are no unusual circumstances for the planning phase. This list will be revisited when evaluating environmental effects of the construction phase.

#### Attachment Checklist

Check the box next to each item attached to your application.

- E1 – CEQA Document (if applicable)
- E2 – Parcel or Project Schematic Map
- E3 – Unusual Circumstances (if applicable)



## GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT

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### RESOLUTION NO. 19-009

RESOLUTION OF THE GARBERVILLE SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINDING THE **MEADOWS AERIAL WATERLINE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT** PLANNING PHASE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) AND ADOPTING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (“Board”) reviewed and considered the planning phase components of the Meadows Aerial Waterline Reroute Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that commencing the planning phase of the project to further study the possible components of a future construction project to reroute the failing aerial waterline; and

WHEREAS, CEQA requires the Board, as a lead agency under CEQA, to consider the potential environmental effects of any project approved by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s approval of the Application for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds might be considered a “project” under CEQA and the Board must therefore determine what level of CEQA review is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15306 categorically exempts from CEQA any project that is for the purpose of Information Collection; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines section 15262 statutorily exempts from CEQA any projects that consist of Feasibility and Planning Studies; and

WHEREAS, categorical exemptions shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (CEQA Guidelines, § 15300.2 (c)); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the planning phase of the Project is to further evaluate the possible construction project and determine the details and impacts of said project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the attached Notice of Exemption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Garberville Sanitary District Board of Directors:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as true and correct.
2. The Board has reviewed and analyzed applicable law and determined that the Project is Class 6 categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal.Code Regs. Article 19, Section 15306; and statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 Cal.Code Regs. Article 18, Section 15262.


3. The categorical exemptions applicable to the Planning Phase of the Project are not subject to any applicable exception, including the "unusual circumstances" exception.
4. In light of the foregoing, the Board adopts the Notice of Exemption, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and finds that the Project is exempt from CEQA review.
5. The General Manager is hereby directed to file the Notice of Exemption as attached for the Planning Phase of the Project with the County Clerk of Humboldt County and the Office of Planning and Research in conformance with the procedures provided for the filing of such notices in CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
6. No activities other than the feasibility studies/assessments will be completed/conducted without further CEQA evaluation and compliance.


Passed and adopted by the Garberville Sanitary District's Board of Directors on October 22, 2019 during a regular business meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors ANDERSON, BRODERSON, THOMPSON, LYON

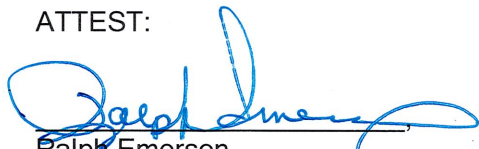
NOES: Directors NONE

EXCUSED: Directors NONE

  
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 Chair of the Board of Directors



ATTEST:

  
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 Ralph Emerson  
 Clerk of Board of Directors



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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Humboldt County Clerk  
825 5th Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Eureka, CA 95501

Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

PROJECT TITLE: Meadows Aerial Waterline Reconstruction Project - Planning Phase

PROJECT LOCATION: CITY: GARBERVILLE COUNTY: HUMBOLDT  
Aerial Water Transmission Line over Bear Gulch near CalFIRE station.  
Lat 40.10450 Long -123.79177

### DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The project consists of the planning phase for a project to reconstruct or reroute the existing aerial waterline over Bear Gulch to the bridge structure over Bear Gulch at Redwood Drive. The beneficiaries are the community of Garberville.

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Garberville Sanitary District

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Garberville Sanitary District

### Exempt Status:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption. <b>Class 6, Information Collection (CCR, title 14, Article 19, Section 15306)</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption. <b>Feasibility and Planning Studies (CCR, Title 14, Article 18, Section 15262)</b>

### Reason why this project is exempt:

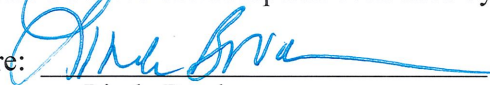
The work in the planning stage will be for feasibility and planning studies and may include geotechnical borings that are categorically exempt under Class 6.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jennie Short

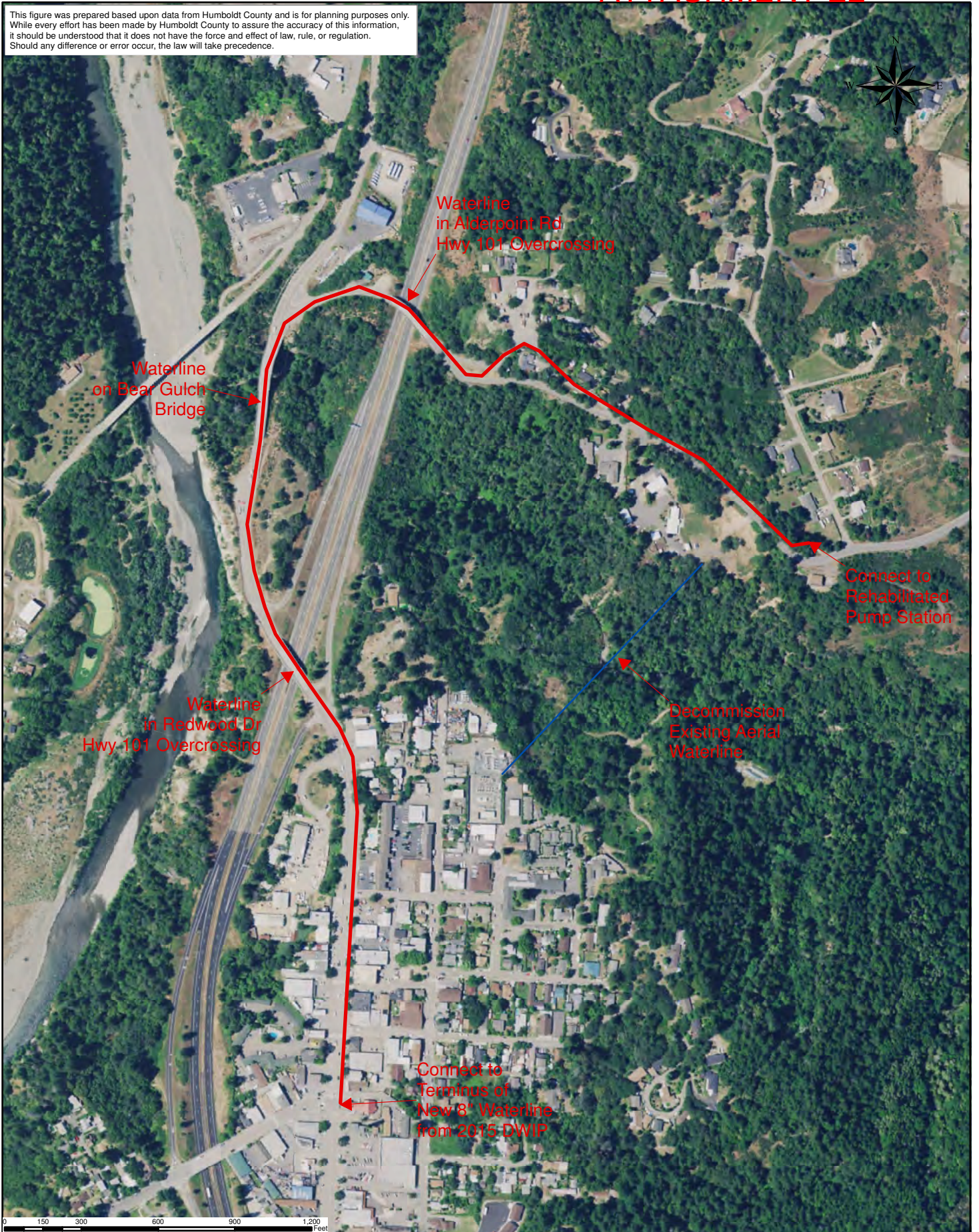
Phone Number: (707)223-4567

### 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:  Date: 11/22/15 Title: Chair of the Board  
Linda Brodersen

This figure was prepared based upon data from Humboldt County and is for planning purposes only. While every effort has been made by Humboldt County to assure the accuracy of this information, it should be understood that it does not have the force and effect of law, rule, or regulation. Should any difference or error occur, the law will take precedence.



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**MEADOWS AERIAL REROUTE PROJECT SCHEMATIC**  
 SCALE: 1:6,000  
 DRAWN BY: J. SHORT  
 DATE: 10/12/19

Exhibit  
**E2**