

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk
County of Humboldt

From: (Public Agency): Humboldt County Public Works
1106 Second Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address:

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Assessor Parcel Number: APN 514-113-014, and -015 and APN 514-101-006
Record ID: N/A

Project Title: Resolution to Summarily Vacate a portion of the unnamed alley lying west of block 1 and south of Sydni Court in Eureka, California

Project Applicant: Humboldt County Public Works Department

Project Location - Specific: 986 Driver Road, Trinidad, CA
Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 1 East, H.B.M.

Project Location – City: West Haven

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Humboldt County Department of Public Works received a request from property owners Michael and Debra Berry to vacate a portion of 1st avenue in West Haven, California shown on Exhibit B. Under Streets and Highways Code Section 8333, such action must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. If the proposed vacation is approved by the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Berry would then gain the setback that is required by the County of Humboldt in order to install a leach field and septic system. The purpose of the request is to facilitate development on their property. The area proposed to be vacated is the easterly 240 feet of 1st avenue in West Haven illustrated on the map of West Haven, in Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian, filed in book 11 of maps, pages 19 through 21, in the Office of the Humboldt County Recorder.

Public Works contacted utility providers to find out which providers have facilities within the area proposed for vacation and if the utility companies support the proposed vacation. AT&T, Humboldt County Sheriff, Optimum, West Haven Community Services District, West Haven Fire Department, Coastal Commission, and PG&E have no facilities and do not object to the proposed vacation. The Planning and Building Department has found the proposed vacation does not conflict with the requirements of the subdivision map and the summary vacation is in conformance with the Humboldt County General Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Humboldt County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Humboldt County Public Works Department

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: **15305**
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed vacation (project) extinguishes an existing easement. The vacation does not create a new parcel. The vacation restores rights to the underlying landowners, subject to any reservations made in the vacation. The restoration of rights to the underlying landowner changes where setbacks are measured from and allows for uses of the encumbered property that would otherwise be in conflict with the easement. Per CEQA, vacations and abandonments are classified as having a Class 5 Categorical Exemption pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15305.

Section 15305 - Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations

Class 5 [categorical exemptions] consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to:

- (a) Minor lot line adjustments, side yard, and set back variances not resulting in the creation of any new parcel;
- (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits;
- (c) Reversion to acreage in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act.

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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: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
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