

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Chester WWTP NPDES Permit Compliance Project

Project Location: As shown in **Figure 1**, the proposed project is located within the unincorporated community of Chester in Plumas County, in Section 8, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Chester 7.5-minute quadrangle. The proposed project includes improvements to the existing wastewater treatment plant that serves the community of Chester (see **Figure 2**).

City: Chester (unincorporated)	County: Plumas
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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Chester Public Utility District (CPUD or District) provides drinking water service and wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services to the unincorporated community of Chester in Plumas County, California. The District currently serves approximately 2,187 residents with 1,255 wastewater connections. The District treats the community's collected wastewater at the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) which is a facultative lagoon facility constructed in 1981.

The District is responsible for compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) enforced by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB). However, the District has exceeded effluent discharge limits over the last decade which resulted in the issuance of three Notice of Violations (NOVs) between 2017 and 2019, and a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) in September 2021. The NOVs identify violations at the WWTP and the CDO includes a schedule for completing specific actions to ensure compliance with the WDRs. Improvements are needed in response to the WDRs, NOVs, and CDO to bring the WWTP into full compliance with final effluent limits.

The proposed project include the following improvements to the WWTP:

- Improvements to the headworks, including the installation of a self-cleaning mechanical screening unit. Additional improvements are needed to address the surging effect through the headworks.
- Installation of piping to connect the new facilities to existing facilities, allow for operational flexibility, eliminate short-circuiting, and optimize treatment effectiveness.
- Construction of two submerged attached growth reactors (SAGRs) within the existing footprint of Pond 6.
- Construction of a new recycle pump station downstream of the SAGRs.
- Construction of a new building that would house the controls, laboratory, and blowers.
- Construction of a new chlorine contact basin and on-site sodium hypochlorite generation facility downstream of the SAGRs. The existing chlorine contact basin would be demolished and backfilled. The existing chlorination/dechlorination gas equipment would be removed.
- Installation of a new supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, including instrumentation, controls, and alarms.
- Installation of a new emergency standby generator and automatic transfer switch to support the facility to remain operational during power outages to ensure continuous proper wastewater treatment.
- Removal of the existing dried sludge pile located to the northeast of the ponds at the WWTP.

The purpose of the project is to repair and replace aging infrastructure and make the necessary improvements to the WWTP to ensure compliance with the CVRWQCB requirements.

All proposed project activities would occur in previously disturbed areas; no trees would be removed. Staging of construction equipment would occur on District-owned property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Chester Public Utility District

Name of Agency Carrying out the Project: Chester Public Utility District

Local Agency Contact Person: Bonnie Mullaney, General Manager, bmullaney@chesterpub.org

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption:

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

Class 1, §15304 (Existing Facilities)

Class 3, §15306 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)

Reason Why Project Is Exempt:

Class 1 covers the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, 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. The Class 3 exemption covers the installation of new piping 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 improvements to the District's existing WWTP facility to ensure compliance with existing CVRWQCB requirements. No mature trees would be removed, and no expansion of the District's sewer system would occur.

As documented in **Attachment A**, 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.

Signature:



Bonnie Mullaney, General Manager
Chester Public Utility District

Date:

7-22-25

Attachments:

Figure 1: Project Location and Vicinity

Figure 2: Study Area Boundary

Attachment A: Documentation in Support of a Categorical Exemption

Date Filed 7-22-2025

Marcy DeMartile, County Clerk/Recorder

Certificate of Posting:

I hereby certify that from 7-22-25 to 8-21-25 (30 days), I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the office of the Plumas County Clerk.

By Julie Hagwood

Date 7-22-2025

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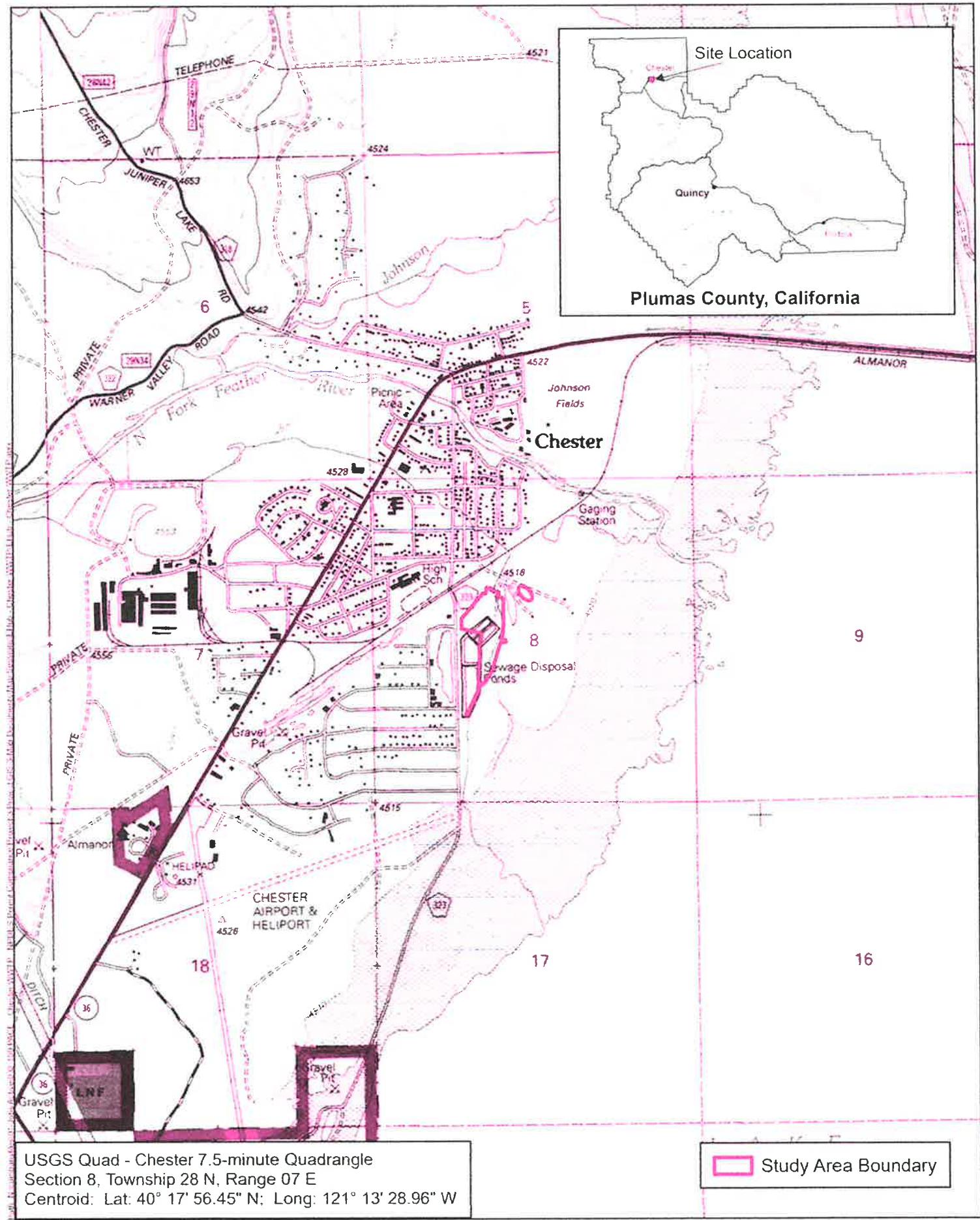


Figure 1
Project Location and Vicinity

All depictions are approximate. Not a survey product.

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USGS Quad - Chester 7.5-minute Quadrangle
Section 8, Township 28 N, Range 07 E
Centroid: Lat: 40° 17' 56.45" N; Long: 121° 13' 28.96" W

Study Area Boundary

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Figure 2
Study Area Boundary

ATTACHMENT A
Documentation in Support of a Categorical Exemption
Chester WWTP NPDES Permit Compliance Project

As described in the Notice of Exemption (NOE), the proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to §15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and Class 3, §15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines. CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 identifies exceptions that override a lead agency's ability to use a categorical exemption. These exceptions are listed below, followed by documentation of why each exception does not apply to the proposed project.

1. Location. *Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply in all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The proposed project is supported by a Class 3 exemption. As documented below, no evidence has been found to suggest that the project location is particularly sensitive. Likewise, the project is not expected to affect an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern. Therefore, the Class 3 exemption is applicable to the proposed project.

2. Cumulative Impact. *All exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, is significant.*

The project involves improvements to the District's existing WWTP facility that are necessary to repair and replace aging infrastructure and make the necessary improvements to ensure compliance with CVRWQCB requirements. No successive improvements to these systems are currently proposed. Impacts associated with construction are temporary and would cease upon completion of the project. Therefore, the impacts would not be cumulatively considerable.

3. Significant Effect. *A categorical exemption 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.*

An "unusual circumstance" exists if the project's circumstances differ from the general circumstances of projects covered by the applicable exemption, and, if so, whether there is a reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment *due to* the unusual circumstances. As documented below, there are no unusual circumstances that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Aesthetics:

Existing structures at the WWTP include a WWTP building, chlorine contact basin, and a storage building. Installation of the new pipeline to connect the new facilities to the existing facilities would be subsurface. Construction of the new facilities and infrastructure would be visually consistent with the existing features and would not conflict with the existing visual character of the area.

Additionally, the project site is not in an area of unique scenic vistas and temporary visual impacts during construction due to excavation and staging activities would cease upon the completion of the improvements; no unusual circumstances apply and no significant impacts would occur.

Agriculture and Forest Resources:

According to the California Department of Conservation (DOC), the project area was not surveyed for inclusion in the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMMP). The project site is zoned as Rural 10-Acres (R-10) and General Agriculture (GA), and designated as Rural Residential (RR) and Agriculture

and Grazing (AG) in the Plumas County General Plan (Plumas County, 2024 and 2011). The proposed improvements would be installed and constructed in previously disturbed areas adjacent to the existing infrastructure. Although surrounding properties have historically been used for grazing, the proposed improvements would not interfere with these activities. Further, no mature trees would be removed. Therefore, there would be no impact on agricultural lands or forest resources.

Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions/Energy:

The proposed project would result in the temporary generation of ROG, NOx, PM₁₀, and other regulated pollutants and GHGs during construction. ROG and NOx emissions are associated with employee vehicle trips, delivery of materials, and construction equipment exhaust. PM₁₀ is generated during site preparation, excavation, road paving, and from exhaust associated with construction equipment. Due to the limited scope of the project and temporary nature of the work, impacts during construction would be minimal.

There would be a minor increase in indirect operational emissions due to the use of electricity to operate the pumps and motors for the new infrastructure and new WWTP building. The new emergency standby generator would be used only in the event of an emergency and for limited times during monthly testing. These improvements would not be considered a wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources.

There are no unusual circumstances associated with air quality that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Biological Resources:

As documented below, there are no unusual circumstances associated with special-status species, nesting birds, or other biological resources that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Special-Status Species

The evaluation of potential impacts to special-status species and sensitive habitats was based on a records search and field observations.

Records reviewed for the evaluation consisted of California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) records for special-status plants, animals, and natural communities; California Native Plant Society (CNPS) records for special-status plants in the Chester 7.5-minute quadrangle; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) records for federally listed, proposed, and candidate plant and animal species under jurisdiction of the USFWS; and USFWS records for Birds of Conservation Concern.

Field evaluations were completed by an ENPLAN biologist on September 13, 2024. Some of the special-status species potentially occurring in the project site would not have been evident at the time the fieldwork was conducted; however, determination of their potential presence could readily be made based on observed habitat characteristics.

Special-Status Plants

Review of the USFWS species list for the project site did not identify any federally listed plant species, as potentially occurring in the project area. The project site does not contain designated critical habitat for federally listed plant species (USFWS, 2025).

A review of CNDDB records showed that three special-status plant species have been broadly mapped in the project area: Lassen paintbrush (California Rare Plant Rank [CRPR] 1B.3), rosy orthocarpus (CRPR 2B.1), and white-stemmed pondweed (CRPR 2B.3). The exact locations of the three species are not known. Lassen paintbrush was broadly mapped throughout the community of Chester based on an 1882 Cleveland collection. Rosy orthocarpus was broadly mapped around Lake Almanor based on an 1880 Austin collection. White-stemmed pondweed was broadly mapped around Lake Almanor based on an 1879 Austin collection (CDFW, 2025).

The following seven special-status plants have been reported within an approximate five-mile radius of the project area: dwarf resin birch (CRPR 2B.2), flat-leaved bladderwort (CRPR 2B.2), marsh skullcap (CRPR 2B.2), Plumas rayless daisy (CRPR 1B.3), slender Orcutt grass (CRPR 1B.1), Suksdorf's milk-vetch (CRPR 1B.2), and watershield (CRPR 2B.3). One non-status plant species, Egg Lake monkeyflower (CRPR 4.2), was reported within an approximate five-mile radius of the project site (CDFW, 2025).

CNPS records identified two additional special-status plant species reported in the USGS Chester 7.5-minute quadrangle: Liddon's sedge (CRPR 2B.3) and long-leaved starwort (CRPR 2B.2). Six additional non-status plant species were reported in the USGS Chester 7.5-minute quadrangle: California lady's-slipper (CRPR 4.2), Coleman's rein orchid (CRPR 4.3), hot rock daisy (CRPR 4.3), lesser bladderwort (CRPR 4.2), obtuse starwort (CRPR 4.3), and slender cottongrass (CRPR 4.3) (CNPS, 2025).

As documented in the Biological Study Report prepared for the project (ENPLAN, 2025), no special-status plant species were observed during the field survey nor are any expected to be present.

Special-Status Wildlife

Review of the USFWS species list identified seven federally listed wildlife species as potentially being present in the project area: gray wolf (Federal Endangered), North American wolverine (Federal Threatened [FT]), foothill yellow-legged frog (FT), monarch butterfly (Federal Proposed Threatened [FPT]), California spotted owl (FPT), northwestern pond turtle (FPT), and California condor (Experimental Population, Non-Essential). The project area does not contain designated critical habitat for federally listed wildlife species (USFWS, 2025).

A review of CNNDB records showed that two special-status wildlife species have been broadly mapped in the project area: Cascades frog (State Candidate Endangered [SCE], State Species of Special Concern [SSSC]) and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (Federally Endangered [FE], State Threatened [ST], State Watch List [WL]). No specific location or date of observation is provided in CNNDB for either species. The Cascades frog was reported one time in 1934 in the vicinity of Chester; the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog was reported one time in 1975 in the vicinity of Chester (CDFW, 2025).

The following additional special-status wildlife species have been reported within an approximate five-mile radius of the project area: American goshawk (SSSC), bald eagle (Federally Delisted [FD], State Endangered [SE], State Fully Protected [SFP]), greater sandhill crane (ST, SFP), Sierra Nevada red fox (ST), southern long-toed salamander (SSSC), and western bumble bee (SCE). Two non-status wildlife species have also been mapped within the search radius: obscure bumble bee and osprey (CDFW, 2025).

As documented in the Biological Study Report prepared for the project (ENPLAN, 2025), no special-status animal species were observed during the field survey nor are any expected to be present.

Natural Communities

The field evaluation confirmed that the study area has been disturbed in the past and is currently developed with roads, residences, and related infrastructure. The only natural community of concern present in the project area is a wetland surrounding the historical sludge disposal area. The planned removal of the dried sludge will restore the pre-fill topography and allow re-establishment of wetland vegetation on ~0.8 acres, enhancing the overall environmental quality of the project site.

In an email sent in November 2024, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) informed ENPLAN that the agency will not require issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for sludge removal from the wet meadow provided that equipment accesses the sludge area from the existing roadway, and that no fill or excavation activities occur in the wetlands outside of the sludge disposal area. The project engineer has reviewed these conditions and confirmed that work can be completed in accordance with the conditions. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) could potentially claim jurisdiction over the wetland; however, compliance with these same conditions would ensure that a permit is not needed from the USACE.

Nesting Migratory Birds

The USFWS identified the following Birds of Conservation Concern as potentially being present in the project area: American dipper, black-throated gray warbler, California gull, California spotted owl, Calliope hummingbird, Cassin's finch, Clark's grebe, evening grosbeak, hermit warbler, Lawrence's goldfinch, Lewis's woodpecker, olive-sided flycatcher, western grebe, willet, and wrentit. The bald eagle and golden eagle are not listed as Birds of Conservation Concern, but the USFWS noted that they are birds that warrant attention because they are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (USWFS, 2024). Construction activities are not expected to directly affect nesting birds because all work would be completed in previously disturbed areas and no trees would be removed. Indirect effects such as nest abandonment by adults in response to loud noise levels are likewise not expected given the urban character of the work area. Any birds that may nest adjacent to the work area would be accustomed to periodic loud noises and other human-induced disturbances.

There are no unusual circumstances associated with special-status species, natural communities, wetlands, nesting birds, or other biological resources that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Geology and Soils:

According to the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map, the nearest Alquist-Priolo Special Study Zone to the project site is the Hat Creek Fault Zone; faults affiliated with this Zone are located over ~24 miles north of the project site (DOC, 2024). The California Geological Survey also identifies several potentially active faults surrounding Chester; however, they are all over ~1.25 miles from the project site (DOC, 2022). The project does not include any components that would increase the likelihood of a seismic event or increase the exposure of people or structures to risks associated with a seismic event.

Soils on the project site are mapped by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as Forgay very gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes; Forgay extremely gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes; and Montmed clay loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes (USDA, n.d.). These soil types are found throughout the project area and are not unique to the project site. There are no unique circumstances related to geology and soils that would result in more significant impacts than other similar construction projects in the area.

Hydrology and Water Quality:

Construction activities would result in the temporary disturbance of soil and would expose disturbed areas to potential storm events, which could generate accelerated runoff, localized erosion, and sedimentation. However, this is a temporary impact during construction activities, and no long-term impacts would occur. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion/sediment control would be implemented in accordance with standard construction practices, which would prevent damage to surface and groundwater quality.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (Panel 06063C0175E, effective March 2, 2005), the project site is not located within a 100-year or 500-year floodplain (FEMA, n.d.). The project does not include any components that would impede or redirect flood flows or otherwise adversely affect the natural value and functions of the floodplain.

Land Use and Planning:

The project would not physically divide an established community or cause an environmental impact due to a conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation.

Mineral Resources:

The California Geological Survey has identified two active mines near the project site. The Chester Pit 1 is located north of Highway 36, ~1.3 miles east of the project site. The Chester Pit #2/South is located immediately south of the Chester Airport, ~0.7 miles southeast of the project site. Due to the distance from the project area, the project would have no impact on existing mining operations. In addition, the Plumas County Zoning Code allows mineral resource extraction and production in the Mining (M) zone district. According to the County's Zoning Map, there are no lands in the project vicinity that are zoned

M. Further, the project site is in an urbanized area that is not conducive to mining operations.

Noise:

Construction activities would generate noise and would temporarily increase noise levels in the area; however, this is a temporary impact that would cease at completion of the project. The project includes the installation of a new emergency standby generator. However, the generator would be used only in the event of an emergency and for limited times during monthly testing. Therefore, an increase in ambient noise due to use of the generator would be less than significant. There are no unusual circumstances associated with noise that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Population and Housing:

The purpose of the project is to repair and replace aging infrastructure and make the necessary improvements to the WWTP to ensure compliance with the CVRWQCB requirements. The project would increase the biological treatment capacity and disinfection capacity of the wastewater system, and allow the existing Cease and Desist Order to be lifted. This would allow population and housing growth to resume in accordance with General Plan and zoning criteria; the project would not induce unplanned population growth in the area. There are no unusual circumstances associated with population or housing that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Public Services/Recreation:

Because the project would not induce unplanned population growth, the project would not generate an unanticipated demand for additional fire protection, police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, or other public services.

Transportation/Traffic:

Because the project would not induce unplanned population growth, the project would not directly or indirectly result in an unexpected permanent increase in traffic or vehicle miles traveled. There would be short-term increases in traffic in the area associated with construction workers and equipment; however, existing regulations require safety measures to be employed to safeguard travel by the general public during construction. Further, this is a temporary impact and would cease upon completion of the improvements. The proposed activity would not have a significant effect on the transportation system due to unusual circumstances.

Utilities and Service Systems:

Because the project would not induce unplanned population growth in the area, the project would not generate unanticipated demand for power, natural gas, telecommunications facilities, stormwater drainage, wastewater treatment, or other utilities and services. There are no unusual circumstances associated with utilities or service systems that would preclude a categorical exemption for the proposed project.

Wildfire:

The proposed project does not include any development or improvements that would increase the long-term risk of wildland fires or expose people or structures to wildland fires. There are no unique circumstances associated with the proposed project that would result in more significant impacts than other similar projects in the area.

4. Scenic Highways. *A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a State Scenic Highway.*

According to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), there are no officially designated State Scenic Highways in the project area; therefore, there would be no impact (Caltrans, 2023).

5. Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to §65962.5 of the Government Code.

The following databases were reviewed to locate "Cortese List" sites.

- List of Hazardous Waste and Substances sites from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor database.
- State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) GeoTracker Database.
- List of solid waste disposal sites identified by SWRCB with waste constituents above hazardous waste levels outside the waste management unit.
- List of active Cease and Desist Orders and Clean-Up and Abatement Orders from the SWRCB.

The records search revealed that the project is not located on a hazardous waste site. Additionally, there are no active clean-up sites or hazardous waste sites within a one-mile radius of the project area (CalEPA, 2024). Although the District is currently under a Cease and Desist Order, this would be lifted upon completion of the proposed project improvements.

6. Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

A cultural resources study was completed for the proposed project by ENPLAN. The study included a records search, Native American consultation, and field evaluation. The records search was conducted by the Northeast Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System (NEIC/CHRIS) on October 23, 2024, and covered a 1/2-mile radius around the project's Area of Potential Effects (APE). The APE includes all areas in which improvements would occur, and areas for staging and temporary construction access, as well as sufficient area for construction.

The records search revealed that 15 archaeological surveys have been conducted within a 1/2-mile radius of the APE, one of which encompasses the entire APE. This survey was conducted in 1976 for improvements to the WWTP and reported that no cultural resources were found as a result of the survey. The records search also revealed that five archaeological sites have been recorded within a 1/2-mile radius of the APE, none of which are located within the APE.

On November 5, 2024, the NAHC conducted a search of the Sacred Lands File; the search did not reveal any known Native American sacred sites or cultural resources in the project area. The NAHC also provided contact information for several Native American representatives and organizations, who were contacted on November 5, 2024, with a request to provide comments on the proposed project. Follow-up correspondence was conducted on January 6, 2025. No responses were received.

Archaeological fieldwork took place on November 18, 2024, during which the APE was intensively surveyed to identify cultural resources that would be potentially affected by the proposed project. No cultural resources were found within the APE.

The cultural resources study concluded that the project would have no effect on historical or prehistoric cultural resources. However, there is always some potential for previously unknown cultural resources to be encountered during excavation activities. Therefore, the following standard construction measures would be included in bid/construction contract documents to address the inadvertent discovery of cultural resources and human remains:

1. In the event of any inadvertent discovery of cultural resources (i.e., burnt animal bone, midden soils, projectile points or other humanly modified lithics, historic artifacts, etc.), all work within 50 feet of the find shall be halted until a professional archaeologist can evaluate the significance of the find in accordance with PRC §21083.2(g) and §21084.1, and CEQA Guidelines §15064.5(a). If any find is determined to be significant by the archaeologist, the Chester Public Utility District (CPUD) shall meet with the archaeologist to determine the appropriate course of action. If necessary, a Treatment Plan prepared by an archaeologist

outlining recovery of the resource, analysis, and reporting of the find shall be prepared. The Treatment Plan shall be reviewed and approved by the CPUD prior to resuming construction.

2. In the event that human remains are encountered during construction activities, CPUD shall comply with §15064.5 (e) (1) of the CEQA Guidelines and PRC §7050.5. All project-related ground disturbance within 50 feet of the find shall be halted until the County coroner has been notified. If the coroner determines that the remains are Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to identify the most likely descendants of the deceased Native Americans. Project-related ground disturbance in the vicinity of the find shall not resume until the process detailed in §15064.5 (e) has been completed.

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**CERTIFICATION FOR FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
REQUIRED FOR ALL CWSRF FUNDING APPLICATIONS
FOR TREATMENT WORKS PROJECTS**



Funding Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

Funding Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Applicant (Agency Name): Chester Public Utility District

Section 603(d)(1)(E) of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires a CWSRF financing recipient with a project involving the repair, replacement, or expansion of a treatment works¹ (including treatment, pumping, collection, distribution and storage facilities etc.) to develop and implement a fiscal sustainability plan or certify that it has developed and implemented such a plan.

¹ "Treatment works" is defined in section 212(2)(A) of the CWA. (33 U.S.C. § 1282[2][A])

Please check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form:

As the authorized representative for the applicant agency, I certify that the agency shall develop and implement a fiscal sustainability plan as set forth in section 603(d)(1)(E)(i) of the

Clean Water Act no later than _____ that includes:

- (I) an inventory of critical assets that are a part of the treatment works;
- (II) an evaluation of the condition and performance of inventoried assets or asset groupings;
- (III) a certification that the agency has evaluated and will be implementing water and energy conservation efforts as part of the plan; and
- (IV) a plan for maintaining, repairing, and, as necessary, replacing the treatment works and a plan for funding such activities

As the authorized representative for the agency, I certify that the agency has developed and implemented a fiscal sustainability plan that meets the requirements of section 603(d)(1)(E)(i) of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1383[d][1][E][i]).

I understand that the Funding Agency will rely on this signed certification in order to approve funding and that false and/or inaccurate representations in this Certification may result in loss of all funds awarded to the applicant for its project. Additionally, the Funding Agency may withhold disbursement of project funds, and/or pursue any other applicable legal remedy.

Bonnie Mullaney

General Manager

Name of Authorized Representative
(Please print)

Title

Signature of Authorized Representative

7-22-25

Date

**WATER CONSERVATION & WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION FORM
FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DIVISION 6 OF THE CALIFORNIA WATER CODE**

REQUIRED FOR ALL CWSRF FUNDING APPLICATIONS



Funding Agency Name: **State Water Resources Control Board**

Funding Program Name: **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**

Applicant: Chester Public Utility District

Please check one of the boxes below and sign and date this form.

As the authorized representative for the applicant, I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant is a water supplier, as that term is understood pursuant to the provisions of the California Water Code and has complied with all applicable provisions of Division 6 of the Water Code.

As the authorized representative for the applicant, I certify under penalty of perjury that applicant is not a water supplier, and the applicant certifies that the water suppliers in its service or project area have complied with all applicable provisions of Division 6 of the Water Code.

I understand that the Funding Agency will rely on this signed certification in order to approve funding and that false and/or inaccurate representations in this Certification may result in loss of all funds awarded to the applicant for its project. Additionally, for the aforementioned reasons, the Funding Agency may withhold disbursement of project funds, and/or pursue any other applicable legal remedy.

Bonnie Mullaney

General Manager

Name of Authorized Representative
(Please print)

Title

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Bonnie Mullaney".

7-22-25