

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION
DE MINIMIS IMPACT FINDING**

<i>Lead Agency</i>	<i>City of Eureka</i>
<i>County of Filing.....</i>	<i>Humboldt County</i>
<i>Project Title</i>	<i>Palco Marsh Enhancement Plan – Phase 1A Work Plan</i>
<i>Project Applicant Name.....</i>	<i>City of Eureka, attn: Lisa D. Shikany</i>
<i>Project Applicant Address</i>	<i>531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501</i>
<i>Project Applicant Phone Number</i>	<i>(707) 268-5265</i>

SCH#: 2004082028

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Eureka

PROJECT LOCATION: Palco Marsh – bounded by Del Norte Street, Felt Street, Broadway, Vigo Street and Humboldt Bay, APN’s 007-031-02, -03, -04; 007-041-03; 007-051-02, -06.

ZONING & GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: Zoning - Natural Resources and Coastal Dependent Industrial; General Plan – Natural Resources and Coastal Dependent Industrial

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Palco Marsh Phase 1A Work Plan includes tasks from the Palco Marsh Enhancement Plan that either were not completed as part of the Phase 1 Work Plan, are tasks from the Phase 1 final monitoring report, or are new enhancement tasks. All project components are proposed for the further enhancement of Palco Marsh pursuant to the approved Palco Marsh Enhancement Plan. The project includes the installation of a 48-in culvert to replace an existing 24-in. culvert connecting Palco Marsh with Humboldt Bay; aesthetic modification of the Del Norte Street drainage structure, removal of silt from the structure and replacement and/or removal of existing tide gates; hand digging and cleaning of Palco Marsh channels; dredging of the tidal slough between Palco Marsh and the peninsula west of the marsh; installation of Del Norte and Felt Streets landscaping; installation of interpretive signage; eradication of common reed and other invasive exotics; revegetation of treated common reed areas; and the hydrologic enhancement of Railroad Marsh. The plan also includes monitoring, maintenance and management activities including botanical and hydrologic monitoring; monitoring and treatment of exotics; monitoring and removal of sediment from marsh channels and the tidal channel; repair, maintenance or replacement of existing drainage structures; and monitoring and clean-up of garbage. See the Palco Marsh Phase 1A Work Plan for a detailed project description.

The City of Eureka adopted a 1988 Mitigated Negative Declaration for Phase 1 of the Palco Marsh Enhancement Plan (SCH# 88092022) and a subsequent 1991 Mitigated Negative Declaration for Phase II of the plan, which included the Phase II revisions (SCH# 91093076). Both documents found that the project would have beneficial and insignificant impacts. The addition of project components (installation of 48-in. culvert and dredging of tidal slough), changes in the approach to exotics removal, and changed environmental circumstances for Phase 1A necessitated additional environmental review.

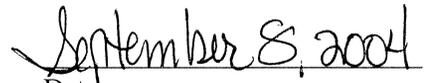
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FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION: The initial study conducted by the Community Development Department evaluated the project for any adverse effects on fish and wildlife resources. Based on information in the application, a field inspection, referral response from the Department of Fish & Game (if received), and a review of relevant references in the Department, staff has determined that there is no evidence before the Department that the project, as may be mitigated or conditioned, will have any potential adverse effects on fish and wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. As such, staff has determined that the project qualifies for a “de minimis” waiver with regards to the filing of Fish and Game fees. The environmental document on file in the Department includes a detailed discussion of all relevant environmental issues including evidence how the development will not result in changes to wildlife resources.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the City of Eureka has made the above findings and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.



Lisa D. Shikany, Environmental Planner



Date

Date received for filing by the County Clerk (County Recorder): _____