

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
  
County Clerk  
County of: Butte  
155 Nelson Avenue  
Oroville, CA 95965

**From:** (Public Agency): Town of Paradise  
5555 Skyway  
Paradise, CA 95969  
  
(Address)

Project Title: Paradise Sewer System Geotechnical and Other Investigations

Project Applicant: Town of Paradise

Project Location - Specific:

Town of Paradise and adjacent unincorporated Butte County

Project Location - City: Paradise Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would conduct geotechnical and other investigations of proposed sites for a wastewater treatment plant and collection pipelines. The investigations would include test borings at the proposed sites, along with an Initial Site Assessment, soil sampling, and utility potholing. The information obtained would be used for the design and eventual construction of a sewer system for the Town of Paradise, which currently has no such system. See attachment for project details.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Town of Paradise

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Town of Paradise

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: Class 6, Sec. 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is geotechnical and utility investigations, including test borings, soil samplings, and utility potholings, of proposed sites for a sewer system in Paradise that includes a wastewater treatment plant and collection pipelines. The borings, samplings, and potholings are part of data gathering for the design and eventual construction of the sewer system. These activities would disturb only a limited area of land, both at the activity sites and overall. Environmentally sensitive areas containing biological and cultural resources would be avoided. See attachment for description of proposed activities.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Marc Mattox Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 872-6291 x125

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: 2/17/2026 Title: Assistant Town Manager

• Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.      Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.