



PUBLIC NOTICE
Board Meeting of the:
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
1516 Main Street
Susanville, CA 96130
(530) 260-0067

Attachments available 01/20/25 at www.honeylakevalleyrcd.us

Date: Thursday, January 23rd, 2025

Location: 1516 Main Street, Susanville CA 96130

Time: 3:30 PM

AGENDA

NOTE: THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAY ADVISE ACTION ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS SHOWN BELOW.

NOTE: IF YOU NEED A DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -

Tie to the Strategic Plan: Strategic Issue 1 – Build HLVRCD leadership & organizational capacity.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Per RCD Board Policy No. 5030.4.1, during this portion of the meeting, any member of the public is permitted to make a brief statement, express his/her viewpoint, or ask a question regarding matters related to the District. Five (5) minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty (20) minutes to each subject matter.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS –

- A. Correspondence
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Agreements/Contracts

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V. REPORTS

- A. District Manager Report – Siemer (attachment)
- B. Post Fire Recovery Report - Wooster
- C. Watermaster / WAC Report – Burvant
- D. NRCS Report
- E. Unagendized reports by board members

VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – RCD

- A. Annual Organizational Meeting (RCD 5010.5; PRC 9306 & 9307)
 - 1. Election of officers (chairman, vice-chairman and secretary/treasurer).
 - 2. Appointment of District Manager as board secretary.
- B. File Statement of Facts with the Secretary of State
- C. Assignment of committees (SWAT, WAC, Modoc Regional RCD/CARCD, FireSafe Council, IRWM, NRCS Partnership)
- D. Policy update/revisions (RCD 5010.1)
- E. Place and time of meetings
- F. Approval and adoption of 2025 RCD calendar (attachment)

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- G. Consideration and approval of amended Policy 2500 Paid Vacation Time (attachment)

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- H. Consideration and approval of Resolution 2025-01 (attachment)

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- I. Consideration and approval of CEQA NOE and Environmental Review for Madeline Water System Improvement Project (attachment)

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- J. Consideration and approval of CEQA NOE and Environmental Review for Ravendale Water System Improvement Project (attachment)

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VII. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case (Public Contract Code section 9204 claims of M. A. Steiner Construction, Inc., which are on file and available for public inspection upon request)

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VIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **February 27th at 3:30 PM.** The location is 1516 Main Street, Susanville, CA.

I certify that on Monday, January 20th, 2025 agendas were posted as required by Government Code Section 54956 and any other applicable law.

X _____
Kelsey Siemer
District Manager

Honey Lake Valley RCD District Manager Report

Kelsey Siemer - District Manager

January 23rd, 2025

RCD Administration:

- Bookkeeping
 - Monthly reports attached
 - Working with CPA to discuss ways forward on NICRA / raising our indirect cost recovery to match our costs incurred
 - Audit
 - Single Audit is ongoing, should be completed by early February
 - Regular audit went well - quick debrief with Larry to note a few things
- Admin:
 - Welcome our Restoration and Resiliency Coordinator: Odessa Amaryllis!
 - Kelsey was asked to speak at NACD National Conference in February in Salt Lake City
 - NACD is not providing stipends so Kelsey will attend / speak virtually

Watermaster:

- Annual Use Report
 - Filed - still waiting on meeting with Judge
- Winter time plan is to develop an SOP for Apportionments, Billing, and Use Reports
- Direct Billings will be handled by Bookkeeper and myself in QB
- Other updates in Watermaster Report
- WAC
 - Next meeting March 13, 2025

Grant Updates:

- **DWR: Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant Program - Old Channel Project**
 - Outflow gate has been fixed!
- **DWR: Lahontan Basin IRWM Implementation - Rounds 1 and 2**
 - Round 1: Lead Admin Agency for City of Susanville / Round 2:
 - Johnstonville Dam
 - Updated timeline has ground breaking on August 1, 2025 (sooner if the levels drop in the Susan River)
 - CEQA complete
 - Design plans are being reviewed by LIC
 - Waiting on permits
 - Madeline / Ravendale
 - Waiting on permits
 - CEQA NOE reviews tonight
 - Looking to bid the project this winter / early spring (March-ish)

- **DOC: Susanville Ranch Park - Riparian Corridor and Working Lands Restoration**
 - Signage is *still* in the works, but we have seen pretty final drafts
 - Issues with Point Blue subcontract resolved
 - Working on budget amendment to continue fuels work this fall / winter, waiting on County input

- **USFS: Post Fire Recovery - Sheep, Hog and Dixie Fire Scars**
 - Updates in Catherine's report!

- **USFS 2: Post Fire Recovery - Dixie Fire Scar**
 - AWARDED \$1.7 million
 - Updates in Catherine's report!

- **NACD: TA2024**
 - AWARDED \$104,795
 - Working with Tiffany and Susanville Field Office on workplan / final budget adjustments

- **NRCS: CARCD Underserved Farmers and Ranchers**
 - Using the remainder of our funds / extended grant agreement to host 2 Conservation Land Easements workshops
 - Alturas: January 22 (yesterday)
 - Susanville: January 30th (Side Iron BBQ)
 - Workshop Series includes presentations from entities offering easements, panel discussion with producers, and a social / networking hour to continue the conversation

- **CAL FIRE Workforce Development Grant:**
 - Working on budget adjustments to include Odessa's time and more admin time
 - Sierra Riker hinted more money may be available!

- **BLM GNA: Restoration Projects**
 - Working on planning phase for 2 spring projects in Spring / Summer 2025
 - Field visit early February to determine costs and bid protocols
 - Working with Tehama RCD to understand invoicing

Recently Closed Grants:

- TA 2022
- Modoc RCD SNC 966 Sub-Award
- Watershed Research and Training Center: Lassen PBA
- CalFire FMP Cradle Valley

New and Upcoming:

- DPR Alliance Grant (\$400,000)

- Applied November 2024, Notified July 2025
- To fund an invasives program focused on: Mulching for puncturevine treatment, Purge the Spurge: Myrtle Spurge, Goat or Sheep grazing program for forest health
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Western Big Game Seasonal Habitat and Migration Corridors Fund (~\$500,000)
 - Applying February 2025, Notified June 2025
 - Focused on restoration efforts in Hallelujah Junction and Doyle Wildlife Areas
 - Planning bitterbrush and sagebrush planting, juniper treatments, and some possible fencing projects
 - Working with CDFW, BHA, Wildlands Network, Wildlife Conservation Network, Caltrans, etc.
- BLM CA/HQ Wildlife NOFO (~\$500,000 - \$1 million)
 - Applying February 2025, Notified July 2025
 - Focused on guzzler replacement and maintenance, well maintenance, and fence conversion to wildlife-friendly fencing in ELFO and AGFO
- CDFA WMA Grant (\$120,000)
 - Applying February 2025, Notified June 2025
 - Re-instate the SWAT in Lassen
 - Working on application to fund some herbicide storage and spray equipment for RCD
 - Will focus on Puncturevine efforts in and around the city of Susanville through cooperative agency efforts and community engagement through public outreach
- LCC EPA Community Change Grant (\$325,000 for RCD)
 - Applied November 2024, Notified Maybe January 2025?
 - Would allow us to hire a community engagement specialist
- Short term monitoring project with Trout Unlimited in the Pine Creek area
 - Flow monitoring and data collection along Pine Creek starting in March-ish depending on weather / access
- DWR CalSip Stream Gauge Program (~\$450,000)
 - Applied December 2024, Notified ?
 - Applied to install 4 new monitoring gauges along pine creek to tie in with TU's system and gain some data to inform restoration efforts
- Opportunity to partner with Modoc RCD and Susanville Indian Rancheria to create a Native Youth Internship Program
 - Really wanting it to be a regional / shared intern program
 - Possibility to tie with the LCC grant proposal, if funded
 - Looking for funding opportunities with SNC and Sierra Institute

POLICY TITLE: Board Meetings
POLICY NUMBER: 5010

5010.1 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each calendar month at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce building at 1516 Main Street, Susanville, CA 96130, except the November regular board meeting will be held on November 20, 2025. Winter meetings will be held at 3:30 p.m. from November through March. The date, time, and place of regular Board meetings may be reconsidered annually at the annual organizational meeting of the Board.

5010.2 Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Board Chairperson or by a majority of the Board.

5010.2.1 All Directors shall be notified of the special Board meetings and the purpose or purposes for which it is called. Said notification shall be in writing, received by them at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

5010.2.2 Newspapers of general circulation in the District, radio stations and television stations, organizations, and property owners who have requested notice of special meetings in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code §54950 through §54963) shall be notified by email unless the special meeting is called less than one week in advance, in which case, notice, including business to be transacted, will be given by telephone during business hours as soon after the meeting is scheduled as practicable.

5010.2.3 An agenda shall be prepared as specified for regular Board meetings in Policy #5020 and shall be delivered with the notice of the special meeting to those specified above.

5010.2.4 Only those items of business listed in the call for the special meeting shall be considered by the Board at any special meeting.

5010.3 Emergency meetings. In the event of an emergency situation involving matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities, the Board of Directors may hold an emergency special meeting without complying with the 24-hour notice required in 5010.2.1 above. An emergency situation means a crippling disaster which severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the Board.

5010.3.1 Newspapers of general circulation in the District, radio stations and television stations, organizations, and property owners who have requested notice of special

meetings in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code §54950 through §54963) shall be notified at least one hour prior to the emergency meeting. In the event that telephone services are not functioning, the notice requirement of one hour is waived, but the Board, or its designee, shall notify such newspapers, radio stations, or television stations of the fact of the holding of the emergency special meeting and of any action taken by the Board as soon after the meeting as possible.

5010.3.2 No closed session may be held during an emergency meeting, and all other rules governing special meetings shall be observed with the exception of the 24-hour notice. The minutes of the emergency meeting, a list of persons the Board or designed notified or attempted to notify, a copy of the roll call vote(s), and any actions taken at such meeting shall be posted for a minimum of ten days in the District office as soon after the meeting as possible.

5010.4 Adjourned Meetings. A majority vote by the Board of Directors may terminate any Board meeting at any place in the agenda to any time and place specified in the order of adjournment, except that if no Directors are present at any regular or adjourned regular meeting, the District Manager may declare the meeting adjourned to a state time and place, and they shall cause a written notice of adjournment to be given to those specified in 5010.2.2 above.

5010.5 Annual Organizational Meeting. The Board of Directors shall hold an annual organizational meeting at its regular meeting in January. At this meeting the Board will elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer from among its members to serve during the coming calendar year, and will appoint the District Manager as the Board's Secretary.

5010.6 The Chairperson of the meetings described herein shall determine the order in which agenda items shall be considered for discussion and/or action by the Board.

5010.7 The Chairperson and the District Manager shall ensure that appropriate information is available for the audience at meetings of the Board of Directors, and that physical facilities for said meetings are functional and appropriate.



HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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January		
01/01/25 (Wed)	New Year's Day (observed 1/1/2025)	Holiday
01/09/25 (Thu)	Organizational Meeting	WAC Meeting
01/13/25 (Mon)	Martin Luther King Day	Holiday
01/23/25 (Thu)	Organizational Meeting, Adopt Calendar, FY24/25 Mid-Year Budget Review, WAC Appointments	RCD Meeting

February 2025						
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February		
02/17/25 (Mon)	President's Day	Holiday
02/27/25 (Thu)	FY25/26 RCD/WM Draft Budget Review, FY24/25 Annual Work Plan Review	RCD Meeting

March 2025						
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March		
03/01/25 (Sat)	Irrigation Season Begins	Deadline
03/13/25 (Thu)	FY25/26 Draft Budget Review, Direct Billing	WAC Meeting
03/27/25 (Thu)	1st Reading - FY25/26 RCD/WM Budget, 1st Reading - FY25/26 Annual Work Plan	RCD Meeting

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April		
04/24/25 (Thu)	2nd Reading - FY25/26 AWP, FY25/26 RCD/WM Budget Begin 5:30 schedule	RCD Meeting

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May		
05/01/25 (Thu)	Update WM Control Cards	Deadline
05/08/25 (Thu)		WAC Meeting
05/22/25 (Thu)	Adopt FY25/26 AWP, Budget Hearing - Approve FY25/26 RCD/WM Budget, Initiate WM Assessment Apportionment	RCD Meeting
05/26/25 (Mon)	Memorial Day	Holiday

June 2025						
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June		
06/10/25 (Tue)	Apportionment and Assessment Letters Due to Water Users	Deadline
06/26/25 (Thu)	Review RCD Board Appointments	RCD Meeting
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July		
07/04/25 (Fri)	Independence day	Holiday
07/10/25 (Thu)		WAC Meeting
07/24/25 (Thu)	Certify Apportionments to Auditor, Initiate FY24/25 Audit, Annual DM Evaluation	RCD Meeting

August		
08/06/25 (Wed)	Certified Apportionments due to Auditor	Deadline
08/28/25 (Thu)	Board Meeting	RCD Meeting

September		
09/01/25 (Mon)	Labor Day	Holiday
09/11/25 (Thu)	Draft 2024/2025 SRWSA Annual Use Report	WAC Meeting
09/25/25 (Thu)	1st Reading - 2024/2025 SRWSA Annual Use Report	RCD Meeting

October		
10/13/25 (Mon)	Indigenous Peoples Day	Holiday
10/23/25 (Thu)	2nd Reading - 2024/2025 SRWSA Annual Use Report, 1st Reading - 2026 RCD Calendar	RCD Meeting
10/31/25 (Fri)	Irrigation Season Ends - Direct Billing	Deadline

November		
11/11/25 (Tue)	Veterans Day	Holiday
11/13/25 (Thu)	Approve 23/24 SRWSA Annual Use Report	WAC Meeting
11/20/25 (Thu)	Approve AUR, 2nd Reading RCD/WM Calendar, Start 3:30 Schedule	RCD Meeting
11/27/25 (Thu)	Thanksgiving	Holiday
11/28/25 (Fri)	Thanksgiving Holiday	Holiday

December		
12/24/25 (Tue)	Christmas Eve	Holiday
12/25/25 (Thu)	Christmas Day Observed	Holiday
12/31/25 (Wed)	SRWSA Annual Use Report submitted to Court	Deadline

Resolution 2025-01

RESOLUTION OF THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING REQUEST, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION FOR THE
DWR CALSIP STREAM GAUGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PINE CREEK

WHEREAS, The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (HLVRCD) proposes to implement the DWR CalSip Stream Gauge Improvement Program – Pine Creek;

WHEREAS, DWR CalSip Stream Gauge Improvement Program – Pine Creek is being implemented to support and improve the stream gage network within the State of California and is intended to: (1) provide publicly available data on natural surface waters; and (2) provide sound data that informs water management decisions;

WHEREAS, HLVRCD has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, HLVRCD intends to apply for funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the DWR CalSip Stream Gauge Improvement Program – Pine Creek;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT THAT:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of Budget Act of 2023, as amended (Stats. 2022, ch. 44, § 25), the HLVRCD District Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file a questionnaire for funding with the Department of Water Resources and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain funding.
2. The HLVRCD District Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
3. The HLVRCD District Manager or designee is hereby authorized to utilize electronic signatures to execute agreements with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
4. The HLVRCD District Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the _____ on the ___th day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jesse Claypool, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager

Secretary to the Board

iii. **POLICY TITLE:** Paid Vacation Time
POLICY NUMBER: 2500

2500.1 This policy shall apply to regular and probationary employees in all classifications.

2500.2 Paid vacations shall be accrued according to the following schedule on an annual basis:

- a) During the first year of continuous work, 3 hours per pay period;
- b) Two through five years of service, 4 hours per pay period;
- c) Six through ten years of service, 5 hours per pay period;
- d) After ten years of service, one additional hour of paid vacation per pay period for each additional five years of continuous work to a maximum of 30 days.

2500.2.1 When the number of hours in a non-pay status in a full-time employee's leave year equals the number of base pay hours in a pay period (80 hours), an employee's credits for vacation hours shall be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of vacation hours the employee earns during the pay period.

2500.3 Employees who have completed 60 days in pay status may take their vacation time all at once or gradually, with prior written approval of their supervisor. No vacation time may be taken until the employee has completed at least 60 days in pay status unless approved by the District Manager in writing.

2500.4 The total accumulated vacation time shall not exceed that amount earned annually by the employee.

2500.5 At termination of employment for any reason, the District shall compensate the employee for their accumulated vacation time at their straight time rate of pay at the time of termination.

2500.6 The District will not require an employee to take vacation time in lieu of sick leave during periods of illness. However, the employee may elect to take vacation time in lieu of sick leave. The District will not consider granting a leave of absence for medical reasons until all accumulated sick leave and vacation time have been used.

2500.7 If a holiday falls on a workday during an employee's vacation period, that day shall be considered as a paid holiday and not vacation time.

2500.8 Vacations may be scheduled at any time during the year upon written approval of the District Manager.

2500.9 Vacations are provided by the District to employees as a period of exemption from work with pay for the purpose of rest, relaxation, and recreation. This respite is a benefit and is intended as an aid in maintaining the long-term and consistent productivity and contentment of the employee. As such, pay in lieu of vacation time away from work shall not be permitted.

NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION

To: Lassen County Clerk
220 South Lassen Street
Susanville, CA 96130

From: Honey Lake Valley RCD
1516 Main Street
Susanville, CA 96130
530-260-0067

Date: January 23, 2025

Project Title:

Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District Madeline Water System Improvement Project

Project Location:

Madeline, Lassen County, California (CA)

Project Description:

The Madeline Water System Improvements project is located in Madeline, California, a Census Designated Place (CDP) off of highway U.S. 395 approximately 72 miles north of Susanville. The proposed improvements to the local water system include the installation of +/- 38 LF of a 3/4" water service lateral adjacent to Blue Lake Road and a proposed 3,000-gallon fire water storage cistern adjacent to Lassen Street.

Exempt Status (Guidelines Section and Class): Categorical Exemption:

15303, which exempts new construction or conversion of small structures.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

This review for water system improvement construction activities concludes that project implementation as designed would have less than significant impact in each resource area. Class 3 exemption (CCR Section 15303) covers the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) has determined that the objective of the project and the implementation activities as designed for this project are all new construction or conversion of a limited number of small structures and therefore fit within the CCR Section 15303 exemption. Additional environmental analysis was conducted by Environmental Specialists regarding proposed project effects on rare, threatened and endangered plants; threatened, endangered and special status wildlife species; and cultural resources. The Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (HLVRCD) has reviewed these reports and determined that the project's implementation will result in multiple benefits. There will be no significant adverse impacts on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitats. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site. The project will avoid all archeological resource sites. The project will not result in

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cumulatively significant impacts. The Project will have no significant adverse effect on the environment.

Public Agencies that will be involved with the project:

Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
Lassen Land and Trails Trust

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
530-260-0067

Signature: _____ Date: 01/23/2025
Jesse Claypool, Chairman
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

ATTEST:

I, Kelsey Siemer, Clerk to the Board of Directors, Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District, do hereby certify that the Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District approved this Notice of Exemption on the 23rd day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

Ayes: _____ Abstentions: _____
Noes: _____ Absent: _____

Kelsey Siemer, Clerk to the Board of Directors
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District

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From: Honey Lake Valley RCD
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Date: January 23, 2025

Project Title:

Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District Ravendale Water System Improvements Project

Project Location:

Ravendale, Lassen County, California (CA)

Project Description:

The Ravendale Water System Improvements project is located in Ravendale, California, a Census Designated Place (CDP) off of highway U.S. 395 approximately 52 miles north of Susanville. The proposed improvements to the local water system include the jack and bore of +/- 70 linear feet of steel pipe installed per Caltrans design standards under highway U.S. 395, the proposed installation of +/- 380 linear feet of water service lateral along School House Road and a proposed 3,000-gallon fire water storage cistern also adjacent to School House Road.

Exempt Status (Guidelines Section and Class): Categorical Exemption:

15303, which exempts new construction or conversion of small structures.

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

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Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
Lassen Land and Trails Trust

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Kelsey Siemer, District Manager
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
530-260-0067

Signature: _____ Date: 01/23/2025
Jesse Claypool, Chairman
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