

USDA ECWAG Grant
Weitchpec – Smoker Emergency and Imminent
Community Water Assistance Project
30-DAY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Yurok Planning and Community Development Department is requesting the Yurok Tribal Council exclude the USDA ECWAG Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grant for the Weitchpec to Smoker Water Line Project from the requirements of the Yurok Tribe Water Pollution Control Ordinance allowing project construction to occur beyond October 15, 2017 and through the completion of the project.

USDA has extended the ECWAG grant until February 28, 2018. In order to complete the project by the required February 28, 2018 deadline, project construction must extend beyond October 15, 2017.

The project provides for substantial and widespread economic and social impacts. The water line will serve the Pectah Store and four households that have experience repeated water shortages and in some cases water outages due to drought conditions. Pectah Store is the only food store serving the upriver reservation communities, including portions of Hoopa Reservation.

If the Yurok Tribe is unable to complete project construction by the February 28, 2018 deadline, grant funding could be lost. The USDA grant provides a limited funding opportunity to extend essential community water to a portion of the reservation that has experienced repeated water shortages and outages.

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