CITY OF ARCATA Initial Study

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INITIAL STUDY and CHECKLIST

PROJECT: The installation of a *Portland Loo*-style public restroom on City property near the downtown Plaza.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Arcata

736 F Street Arcata, CA 95521

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

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THIS INITIAL STUDY and MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH MITIGATION & MONITORING PLAN PREPARED BY: Alyson Hunter, Senior Planner

PROJECT LOCATION: The City is analyzing two (2) potential locations for a new public restroom within the City's downtown core. Both locations are situated within the City's public parking lot parcel known as 801 8th Street. Site (A) is located at the southeast corner of the subject property adjacent to the corner of F and 8th Streets. Site (B) is located approximately 112 feet to the west of Site (A) at the southwest corner of the parking lot property. Site (B) is adjacent to the pedestrian alley that abuts the mixed-use two-story building on the alley's west side. The pedestrian alley provides access along the west side of the parking long between 8th and 9th Streets. Site (A) is 1 block off the Plaza and Site (B) is ½ a block off the Plaza.

Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 021-041-011

PROJECT PROPONENT and PROPERTY OWNER:

<u>Proponent</u>: The City Council of the City of Arcata / <u>Property Owner</u>: City of Arcata 736 F Street Arcata, CA 95521 707-825-2177

ZONING/GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:

Zoning: Public Facility (PF)

General Plan: Public Facility (PF)

PROJECT SUMMARY: The siting and development of a public restroom in the downtown core of the City has been a topic of discussion at the Council level for the last 10 years. Many business owners in the downtown core have expressed to the City Council that a public restroom is needed in order to alleviate the use of their private restrooms by shoppers, patrons and transients and also to eradicate the need to bring in 1 portable toilet (B&B) for smaller Plaza events like the Farmer's Market, lunchtime events, etc. Furthermore, downtown business owners have expressed that they frequently encounter human waste on their doorsteps or immediate surroundings in the morning left by afterhours "travelers" and Plaza bar revelers. After many years of deliberations and public hearings on the issue, the Council has decided that one solution to the ongoing problem is to provide a public restroom facility where people tend to congregate and within proximity to the Plaza. There has been considerable public objection to the locations proposed previously because of perceived impacts

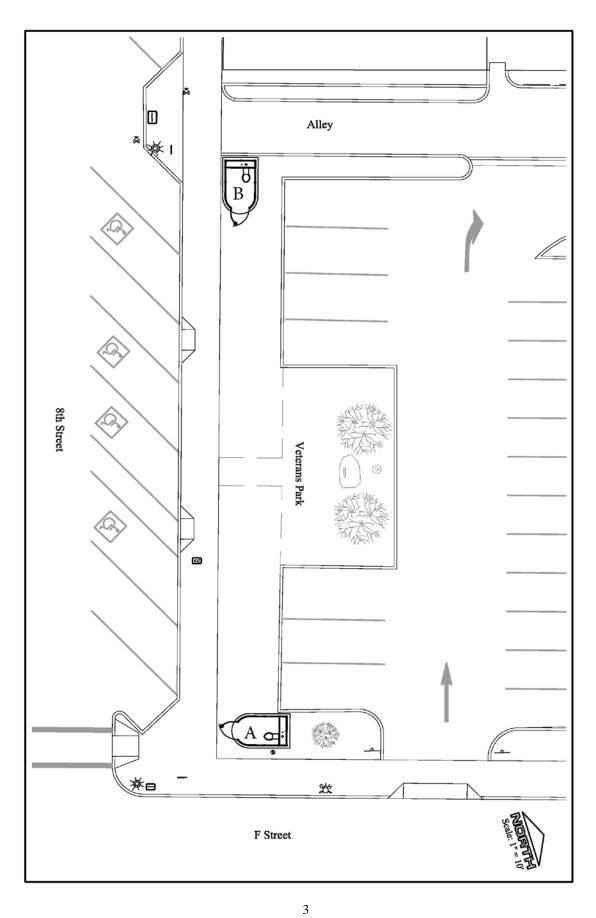
caused by the loss of parking spaces, loitering, vandalism and maintenance, as well as potential negative consequences to nearby businesses that may arise from the aforementioned impacts.

The two (2) proposed sites will not cause a reduction in existing parking spaces as they are both located within existing landscaped parking lot areas. The facility is proposed to be pre-manufactured *Portland Loo* which is manufactured to be fully plumbed with a flush toilet and will be connected to public water and sewer, both of which currently exist within the abutting streets. There are already existing street lights at both sites which will provide safety lighting for those using the facilities in the evening. There will be a solar panel affixed to the roof to power solar lights for the interior. Both locations will require some concrete work to make them accessible to people with disabilities and, thereby, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Both sites are within ±175 feet of the City Hall and ±365 feet of the City's Police Department (PD).



It is unknown at this time if the unit will only be open for use during typical business hours or open for use 24 hours per day. In order to satisfy the business owners, the restroom should be open all night in an effort to reduce night-time defecation downtown. However, a higher level of police monitoring for safety purposes will need to occur if this is the case. Whether or not the facility remains unlocked during the night or open only during daylight hours has no effect on environmental resources. Regardless of hours of operation, the facility will be cleaned at least twice daily by City crews who already maintain the surrounding parking lot, landscaping and pedestrian facilities.

SURROUNDING LAND USES AND SETTING: Surrounding uses include: a public parking lot owned by the City, two public streets, a parking lot to the south that serves the Bank of America on the property, the City's baseball park and recreational facilities on the east side of F Street, the fire station to the north and a private mixed-use two-story commercial building to the west. The City Hall complex which includes the PD, government offices and the library, are located kitty-corner to the southeast from Site (B). The City's Public Works Department and transit center are located on the north side of the baseball field to the northeast of Sites (A) and (B). A site plan is provided on Page 3 of this document.



REQUIRED APPROVALS FROM OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES: n/a **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project. Please see the checklist beginning on page 3 for additional information.

\boxtimes	Aesthetics		Agriculture and Forestry		Air Quality
	Biological Resources		Cultural Resources		Geology/Soils
	Greenhouse Gas Emissions		Hazards and Hazardous Materials		Hydrology/Water Quality
	Land Use/Planning		Mineral Resources		Noise
	Population/Housing		Public Services		Recreation
	Transportation/Traffic		Utilities/Service Systems		Mandatory Findings of Significance
DET	TERMINATION:				
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	I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.				
	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.				
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Pri	nted Name: Alyson Hunte	er		For	: City of Arcata

CEQA Environmental Checklist

This checklist identifies physical, biological, social and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed project. In many cases, background studies performed in connection with the projects indicate no impacts. A NO IMPACT answer in the last column reflects this determination. Where there is a need for clarifying discussion, the discussion is included either following the applicable section of the checklist or is within the body of the environmental document itself. The words "significant" and "significance" used throughout the following checklist are related to CEQA, not NEPA, impacts. The questions in this form are intended to encourage the thoughtful assessment of impacts and do not represent thresholds of significance.

I. AESTHETICS: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista				×
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				×
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			×	
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				×

I. a), b) and d) No Impact

There is no indication that the placement of a *Portland Loo* (10'7" long x 6' wide x 8'6" tall) at either of the two potential locations, both of which are in a downtown, urban setting, will result in a substantial adverse impact to a scenic vista, nor will it substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway or create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area. There are already decorative street lights at each location.

c) Less Than Significant Impact



Between the two sites is located a small pocket park known as Veteran's Park. The park is on public property, but maintained by a group of volunteer veterans as a memorial. The park is ±1,300 sq. ft. in size and includes landscaping strips to its north and south which act to buffer the parking lot from 8th Street. This landscaped area would be less than significantly impacted by the installation of a *Portland Loo* at either end. The facility is small enough that it would not create significant shadow on the landscaping or park and the two proposed locations are at either end thereby minimizing the loss of landscaped area. The City Council picked the *Portland Loo* specifically because of its aesthetic; the design, size, ease of maintenance and ability to be altered to reflect the City's artistic flair were the primary reasons for its selection. For these reasons, the siting of the *Portland Loo* at either location will have a less than significant impact on the existing visual character or quality of the site(s) or their surroundings.

II. AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				×		
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				×		
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				×		
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				×		
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				×		
II. a) – e) No Impact						
The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced agriculture and forest resource items because the property is not currently zoned, planned or used for agricultural or forest production purposes, nor does the site possess prime agricultural soils. Sites (A) and (B) are surrounded on all sides by paving and are located in downtown Arcata, a highly urbanized area. The property is not listed as important local, regional or state agricultural or forest resources lands and the development of the Loo will not result in the conversion of forest or farmland to non-agricultural or non-forest use. The site is planned and zoned for public facilities.						
III. AIR QUALITY : Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact		
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				×		
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				×		

c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any c pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (include releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for precursors)?	an ling] 🗷	
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concent	rations?				
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number	of people?] 🗷	
III. a) - e) No Impact					
The installation of a <i>Portland Loo</i> at either Site (A) or Site (B) will have no impact on air quality. The facility will be plumbed into the City's sewer system and will have no other emissions. The <i>Portland Loo</i> will be cleaned twice daily and locked at night. It will not: conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan, violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation, result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors), nor expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.					
The facility is not a port-a-potty/B&B and will not hat it would create objectionable odors that could		•		indication	
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact	
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				ĸ	
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				ĸ	
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				×	
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				ĸ	
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				×	

f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat		
Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat		×
conservation plan?		

IV. a) - f) No Impact

The proposed project will not impact Biological Resources. The two sites are in downtown Arcata and both are completely surrounded by paved parking lots, public streets, sidewalks, pedestrian alleyways or other development. As mentioned previously, the *Portland Loo* will be plumbed into the City's existing sanitary sewer and water infrastructure and will not significantly increase run-off into the stormwater system. Although Sites (A) and (B) are currently pervious landscaping areas, the conversion of \pm 60 sq. ft. to impervious surface will not result in a significant impact to run-off that could adversely affect biological resources downstream.

There is no indication in the record that the project would impact: either directly or through habitat modifications, any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service; have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means; interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites; conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; nor conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

None of these resources or plans exist on or within close proximity to the proposed locations.

V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?			×	
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			×	
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?			×	
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?			×	

V. a) – d) Less Than Significant Impact

Given that the project site has been heavily disturbed over the years, it was not referred to the Northwest Information Center (NWIC). A request for comments was sent, however, to the Wiyot Tribe, the Blue Lake Rancheria and the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria. The Bear River Band did not respond, but both the Blue Lake Rancheria and the Wiyot Tribe recommend only that the

City's *Inadvertent Discovery* protocol be included as a note on the construction plans. The protocol reads as follows:

"If cultural resources are encountered during construction activities, the contractor on site shall cease all work in the immediate area and within a 50' buffer of the discovery location. A qualified archaeologist as well as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from the for the Bear River Band Rohnerville Rancheria, the Blue Lake Rancheria and the Wiyot Tribe are to be contacted to evaluate the discovery and, in consultation with the applicant and lead agency, develop a treatment plan in any instance where significant impacts cannot be avoided.

Prehistoric materials may include obsidian or chert flakes, tools, locally darkened midden soils, groundstone artifacts, shellfish or faunal remains, and human burials. If human remains are found, CA Health & Safety Code 7050.5 requires that the County Coroner be contacted immediately (707-445-7242). If the Coroner determines the remains to be Native American, the Native American Historic Commission will then be contacted by the Coroner to determine appropriate treatment of the remains pursuant to PRC 5097.98. Violators shall be prosecuted in accordance with PRC Section 5097.99."

VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
 a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: 				ĸ
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42?				×
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				×
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				×
iv) Landslides?				×
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				×
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?			0	E
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18- 1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				×
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?				ĸ

VI. a) – e) No Impact

The North Coast is seismically active and subject to strong seismic ground shaking. However, the proposed sites are flat, are outside the Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zone, are not within 50' of a

mapped fault and are not in an area subject to soil erosion, landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse. The *Portland Loo* weighs 6,000 lbs and is constructed of heavy gauge stainless steel with powder coating and a graffiti-resistant finish. The project site does not have expansive soils nor does the project include the development of a septic tank or other alternative wastewater disposal system. The installation requires a Building Permit. All Building Permits in the City of Arcata are subject to the requirements of Seismic Safety Zone "E" per the California Uniform Building Code. There is no evidence in the record that the development of a public restroom at either of these locations would expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving any of the geologic hazards discussed above.

VII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	0			×
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				×

VII. a) – b) No Impact

The installation of a *Portland Loo* at either of the proposed sites will not generate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, either directly or indirectly. The loo is equipped with solar panels to power interior lighting which is also motion-activated so that it's not left on when not in use. There are also skylights and significant ventilation and openings that will allow natural light to flood the interior during daylight hours. The facility will not conflict with the City's Greenhouse Reduction Plan (2006).

VIII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				×
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	0			Ø
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				K

f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?		×
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		×
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?		×

VIII. a) - h) No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced hazard and hazardous material items, a) - h). The installation of the *Portland Loo* will result in very minimal ground disturbance other than minor trenching associated with connecting to public water and sewer. The Building Permit (BP) will include typical BMPs in the event of accidental equipment fuel or lubrication spills as well as for stormwater run-off during construction. The facility will contain its needed cleaning supplies in a secure cabinet built in to the exterior of the unit. There is no indication that these products would be a significant hazard to the environment if a small amount was released. The property is not in a high wildland fire area nor is it within the Matthews Dam Failure area.

Neither of the two locations are within the vicinity of either a public or private airstrip or within an airport land use planning area. They are not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The development and operation of a public toilet connected to public water and sewer within a public parking lot landscaped area will neither: 1) create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment nor; 2) emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school.

IX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				×
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				I
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				×

the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	Ц	Ц	Ц	X
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				×
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				×
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				×
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				×
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow				×

X. a) - j No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced hydrology and water quality standards. The proposed *loo* will consist of a flush toilet and a spigot for hand washing on the outside. Water for these two fixtures will be supplied through the City's existing public water system and wastewater will be handles through the City's existing wastewater conveyance and treatment system. One additional bathroom facility will not result in a significant impact to water quality or hydrology. The facility will add new impervious surface; all stormwater will either percolate into the exposed ground and landscaping adjacent to the loo or be directed to the existing storm drain. The hand washing spigot on the outside of the unit will drain directly into a drainage inlet (DI) below the spigot. This DI will be connected to the storm drain system. There is no indication in the record that the loo would contribute to flooding impacts as the site is not in a 100' year flood zone. Standard sediment and erosion control measures implemented through the Building Permit process for site development will prevent degradation of water quality. The unit will not adversely impact discharge requirements or groundwater recharge capabilities. The project site is not located in a flood, seiche, tsunami or mudflow hazard areas, nor is it in the Matthews Dam Failure area. There are no watercourses or other wet areas on or near the subject property, as the sites are completely surrounded by paved public roads, sidewalks and parking lot.

X. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Physically divide an established community?				×
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				×

X. a) - c) No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced land use and planning policies and standards because the proposed project is in compliance with the policies of the Arcata General Plan and the standards of the Arcata Land Use Code. The 2 locations are planned and zoned Public Facility (PF). Public service uses such as bathroom facilities, parks and other public amenities are permitted in the PF zoning district. The subject property is not affected by any habitat conservation or natural community conservation plans.

XI. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				×
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				×

XI. a) - b) No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced mineral resource items. The site is not known to contain a mineral resource that is of value to the region and the residents of the state nor would the proposed development result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan.

XII. NOISE: Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				×
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				×
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				×
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				×
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				×
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				×

XII. a) - f) No Impact

The site is located adjacent to a paved, public parking lot, two public streets, a pedestrian alley, a fire station (with audible alarm), a baseball field, office buildings and the Arcata Plaza. Festivals on the

Plaza occur year-round and there are amplified concerts within 100' of the 2 *Portland Loo* sites several times a year. There is no indication that the public restroom facility will increase noise levels in the vicinity to a significant degree. It will not create a temporary or permanent increase in noise levels. The property is > 5 miles from the nearest public or private airfield. The installation will require compliance with the City standards for hours of operation for construction activity that limit noise exposure.

XIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				×
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				×
XIII. a) – c) No Impact				
The site is planned and zoned Public Facility (PF). The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced population and housing items because the parcel's plan and zone do not allow standard single- or multi-family residential use types. There is no housing proposed as part of the application. No housing units will be displaced or relocated as a result of the proposed project.				
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XIV. a) No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above-referenced public service activities because the development of a public restroom facility would not result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or create or result in a need for new or physically altered governmental facilities (the unit will be ADA accessible), the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services

mentioned above. Both locations are within 300' of the police department and 200' of the fire department are so can be responded to quickly should a disturbance or other emergency event occur.

XV. RECREATION:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				ĸ
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				×
XV. a) – b) No Impact				
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XVI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				X
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				×
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?				×
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				X

facilities?

XVI. a) - f) No Impact

The Portland Loo is intended to be used by citizens already in the downtown area; there is no indication that the restroom will attract people to the downtown core, per se, so attaching vehicle miles, trip generation numbers or parking requirements to its' development is unnecessary. It has the potential to actually reduce vehicle miles travelled downtown by allowing people to use the restroom facility rather than driving home or to another establishment with a public restroom. The project will not create a change in air traffic patterns, substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or affect a congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways. It will not create a hazardous design feature or result in inadequate emergency access.

XVII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				×
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				×
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				×
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				×
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				×
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				×

XVII. a) – g) No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced utility and service system items because the use will be served by community water, sewer and stormwater facilities. The City of Arcata Environmental Services Department indicated that the City's wastewater treatment facility has the capacity to serve the proposed use and water and sewer mains exist currently in the road and are available for connection.

18. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				×
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				×
c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				×

18. a) – c) No Impact

The proposed project will have no impact on the above referenced mandatory findings of significance items because the project site is located on a parcel planned and zoned in such a way as to allow such a use. The facility will require Design Review. There is no evidence in the record that the project will not have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly nor will it have individual or cumulative effects that could be considered deleterious to the environment.

The project site contains no sensitive habitat areas, watercourses or other wet areas. The project site is not a historical resource located in an area of archaeological resources.

Source/Reference List: The following documents were used in the preparation of this Initial Study. The documents are available for review at the Community Development Department, City Hall, during regular business hours.

- 1) Arcata Land Use Code
- 2) Arcata General Plan
- 3) Agency Referrals
- 4) Reference Materials
- 5) Application Submittal Materials including but not limited to site plans, architectural elevations, landscaping plan, plan of operation, etc.
- 6) The Portland Loo Informational website: http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/408156