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Project Title: SR 299 Willow Creek Safety Project (EA 01-0F680) SCH # 2019078014

Project Location - Specific: State Route 199, PM 38.9to PM 39.5

Project Location - City: Willow Creek

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Project: This Caltrans Project will reduce the frequency and severity of collisions on this roadway within the town of Willow Creek, and improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists by widening shoulders to meet current design standards. The Project is needed because the existing shoulder widths do not meet current standards and have resulted in collision rates that exceed the historical average. Caltrans proposes to widen shoulders from downtown Willow Creek to a residential area approximately 0.25 mile to the east. The final goal of the entire Project is to establish a better bicycle/pedestrian linkage between downtown Willow Creek and the residential, commercial, and bus stop areas to the east.

Responsible Agency Approving Project: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Lead Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 1 - Eureka

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: Class 2, section 15300, section 15301, and section 15302
- Statutory Exemptions, State code number: 15269 (d)

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves reconstruction of existing structures and will improve community access on an existing public highway within the town of Willow Creek for the purpose of public safety. The Project is a minor alteration and will not result in an expansion of existing facilities.

Responsible Agency Contact: Susan Stewart Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 576-2657

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


On Behalf Of
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- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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