

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
855 M Street, Suite 200  
Fresno CA 93721

Project Title: El Dorado to Clinton Rehab Geotech Drilling

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed site is located within Caltrans right-of-way on the shoulder of State Route 99. The drilling operation will be performed on the top and bottom of the embankments, and also on and off ramps near existing bridge structures.

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Office of Geotechnical Design-North is planning to drill up to 36 borings as part of a subsurface exploration program to characterize the foundation materials at the proposed wall and bridge locations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status (check one): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 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: Information Collection Class 6
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

The proposed work will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Trais Norris Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6447

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: *J. William "Trais" Norris, AIA* Date: 11/25/2020 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_