

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Newell Fiber Optic Installation Project

Project Applicant: Cal-Ore Telephone Company

Project Location - Specific:
The proposed project is located in Modoc County on State Route 139 from approximately post mile 40.61 to 44.19.

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Cal-Ore Telephone, a local telephone company, plans on installing new fiber optic cable and vaults on the west side of Highway 139 near Newell, California, within the Caltrans Right-of Way (ROW). The new cable will be installed adjacent to an existing cable installed in 1989 west of Highway 139. The alignment of the new cable within the Caltrans ROW is approximately 4 miles in length and runs from the intersection of County Road 120 and Highway 139 south to the intersection of County Road 140 (Old Alturas Highway) and Highway 139. The alignment is located entirely within the Caltrans ROW with exception of a small segment of cable (approximately 120 feet) near the center of the alignment. The majority of the length of the installation will be underground. Approximately 305 feet of the installation will be aerial and will be installed on existing poles.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cal-Ore Telephone Company

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: New Construction, Sect. 15303
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Class 3 - 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 proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Emiliano Pro Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 225-3174

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? [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/16/19 Title: Env. Branch Chief - R1

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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