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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: Siskiyou 5 Clear Recovery ZoneProject Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed project includes improvements at 14 locations on Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County, from post mile R9.93 to R68.10.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using State and federal funds, is proposing a roadside safety improvement project on Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County at 14 locations from post mile (PM) R9.93 to R68.10. The purpose of the project is to reduce the severity of run-off-the-road collisions on Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County. The project is needed because these locations do not currently have traversable fill slopes adjacent to the shoulder in the clear recovery zone (CRZ) or there are obstacles within the CRZ. The proposed improvements to the CRZ in the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate 5 would include providing a minimum 30-foot-wide CRZ with traversable slopes, removing fixed objects, and extending culverts. Vegetation removal would consist of clearing trees within the CRZ and clearing trees and shrubs in fill/cut areas or where culvert work is planned.

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

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 Existing Facilities - Class 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

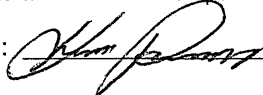
The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 - Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Keith Pelfrey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 225-2085

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:  Date: 1-14-20 Title: Env. Branch Chief - R1 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: _____

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