

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans)
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95521

(Address)

Project Title: Fortuna Median Roadside Safety Project (EA 01-0G610)Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 1

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located on Highway 101 between PM 57.14 and PM 67.79.

Project Location - City: Alton, Fortuna, and Loleta Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to remove the vegetated areas adjacent to the median and barrier rails. The purpose of the project is to improve roadside safety. The project would improve safety by (1) reducing the need for high risk/exposure maintenance associated with vegetation management; (2) increasing the ability for motorists to recover from potential collisions; and (3) reducing the potential for animal-related collisions. Collisions have occurred during lane closures due to maintenance of vegetated areas; multiple sightings of grazing wildlife in these areas which pose an increased risk for animal/vehicular collisions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CaltransName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CaltransExempt 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: Class1(c). (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Air quality, biological, hazardous waste, noise, visual, and water quality reviews have been completed by qualified specialists, and there are no anticipated impacts to environmental resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Clancy De Smet Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 7074456322

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: Clancy DeSmet Date: 5/8/2020 Title: Environmental Coordinator 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.

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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