

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: State Route 299 Willow Creek Shoulder Widening Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0145-R1)

Project Location (include county): The project is located on State Route (SR) 299 between post miles (PM) 38.19 to 39.50 in Humboldt County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0145-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The purpose of the project is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions, improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, provide a multi-modal facility and establish a better bicycle and pedestrian linkage between downtown Willow Creek and the residential, commercial, and bus stop areas to the east. Existing shoulder widths do not meet current standards and have resulted in collision rates that exceed the historical average. To accommodate the proposed widening, the reinforced box-culverts that cross SR 299 at Victor Creek and Bloody Nose Creek would be lengthened. Rock slope protection (RSP) would be added to the outlet at Victor Creek and to the inlet at Bloody Nose Creek. A portion of the existing concrete channel at each site would be permanently removed and replaced with RSP.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 *et seq.*)

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project entails work on existing facilities as described in 14 CCR 15301 (c)

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