

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 02
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding CA 96001

Project Title: Benny's Bluff Slide

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
Siskiyou County State Route (SR) 96 post mile (PM) 33.08 west of Happy Camp.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: SIS

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), will excavate and bench an unstable slope that is the source of a rockslide. The rockslide started on 1/3/2021 and rockfall is imminent with every rain event and poses a significant safety issue for traffic below.

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):
 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: _____
 Statutory Exemption. State code number: 15269 (d)

Reason why project is exempt:
The project is an emergency repair to a public highway to maintain safe essential travel for the motoring public. The project is an emergency because of the high potential for a slide with every rain event. A slide onto the roadway would imperil life and property and cut off local disadvantaged rural communities from vital services such as, health care, food, and education.

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? YES NO

Signature: Emiliano Pro Date: 3/5/2021 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.