

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 1

1656 Union Street

Eureka, CA 95501

(Address)

Project Title: Geotechnical drilling for the HUM 169 Permanent Restoration Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

In Humboldt County on Highway 169 at Postmiles 29.23 & 42.32

Project Location - City: near Weitchpec

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes drilling six vertical borings from the paved lanes of Highway 169. The purpose of the geotechnical drilling is to characterize the subsurface soil conditions to determine the design parameters for the retaining walls. This is needed to support the HUM 169 Storm Restoration project in order to restore the roadway to pre 2017 storm damage conditions. All drilling will be within the Caltrans right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: 6

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Geotechnical drilling will not have a significant impact on the environment or to cultural or historic properties.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cassie Nichols

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-492-0174

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: Cassie Nichols Date: 3/8/21 Title: Associate Env Planner

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: _____