

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
2015 E. Shields Avenue,  
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: State Route 168 Side Slope Repair (Directors Order)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
State Route 168 between Post Mile R0.5 - R7.0 in Fresno County.

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes a state-funded maintenance project to fill holes, caves, and benches cut into the slopes at various locations aligning State Route 168, between Post Mile R0.5 and R7.0. The proposal includes importing borrow fill material, backfilling and compacting operations, and installing a 6" layer of mulch. All work will be restricted to Caltrans right-of-way.

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: 15301-Categorically Exempt. Class 1.
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under section 15301; CLASS 1: EXISTING FACILITIES consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities, involving no expansion of an existing use. The project involves some minor repair damaged side slopes due to homeless people excavating into the slopes. The proposed project will be to import borrow fill material, backfilling/compacting operations, the placement of a

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Trais Norris III Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-601-3521

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: J. William "Trais" Norris, A.A. Date: 3/29/2021 Title: Senior Environmental 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 \_\_\_\_\_