

**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, Suite 100,  
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: Emergency Slope Repair (Directors Order)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
State Route 99 at post mile 16.0 to 31.0 (in the City of Tulare) and State Route 198 at PM 3.0 to 12.0 (in the City of Visalia).

Project Location - City: Visalia Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair damaged side slopes due to unsheltered encampments excavating into the slopes. The excavations vary in size, but many of these holes or caves are extensive and pose a threat to the state highway system, the traveling public and the individuals using the unsheltered encampments if they were to collapse. The proposed project will be to import borrow fill material, backfilling/compacting operations, the placement of a 6" layer of mulch, and traffic control. All construction activities will be within our State Right-of-Way. No additional right of way is required.

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- Class 1 (c) existing highways
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it falls under section 15301, existing facilities class 1 (c), and involves no expansion of existing use. The proposed project will be to import borrow fill material, backfilling/compacting operations, the placement of a 6" layer of mulch, and traffic control. All construction activities will be within our State Right-of-Way. Furthermore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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, AIA Date: 6/2/2021 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 \_\_\_\_\_