



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 11/2020)**

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| <u>Project Information</u> | |
| Project Name (if applicable): HUM 169 Restoration | |
| DIST-CO-RTE: 01-HUM-169 | PM/PM: 19/33 |
| EA: 01-0H021 | |
| <u>Project Description</u> | |
| <p>Caltrans proposes a project near Pecwan and Weitchpec, from 3.4 miles east of Cappel Creek Bridge to 0.8 mile west of Route 96, at four locations. The purpose of this project is to restore the roadway, reduce the risk of future damage and improve the resilience of the highway facility. In January 2017, a federally declared storm event resulted in damage to this stretch of State Route 169. Due to the size and type of failures, and the vital link this Route provides to the local population, these locations require restoration to preserve the Route and ensure the safety of the traveling public. Temporary construction easements and a small amount of right of way will be acquired for this project.</p> | |

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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| Dana York |  | 8/3/2021 |
| Print Name | Signature | Date |

Project Manager

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| Jaime Matteoli |  | 8/6/2021 |
| Print Name | Signature | Date |



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
Activity 4 listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Dana York Signature 8/3/2021
Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Jaime Matteoli Signature 8/6/2021
Print Name Signature Date

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 8-3-21



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Continuation sheet:

This project consists of work at four separate sites, between the overall project limits of PM 19.0 and PM 33.0, on Route 169, in Humboldt County. The work includes:

- Roadway reconstruction consisting of replacing base and paving at all four sites
 - o Location 1 (PM 19.56/19.66)
 - o Location 2 (PM 25.44/25.53)
 - o Location 3 (PM 29.24/29.33)
 - o Location 4 (PM 32.39/32.45)
- Drainage system repair and improvements:
 - o subsurface drain (underdrain) installation at Location 1 and Location 2
 - o replacing culverts at (PM 19.56, PM 19.60, PM 19.66, PM 25.44, PM 25.47, PM 25.49, PM 32.42)
- A wall at Location 3
- A wall at Location 4

Air, biological, cultural, noise, visual, water quality, and hazardous materials reviews have been completed, and there are no anticipated impacts on these resources with the incorporation of the measures identified below.

Anticipated Environmental Permits:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Nationwide
- Yurok Tribal Environmental Program Water Quality Permit
- United States Environmental Protection Agency 401 Certification
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1600 permit

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- A tribal cultural monitor will present for all ground disturbing activities and as requested by the tribe.
- An archaeologically environmental sensitive area will be avoided.
- A qualified biologist will be on site as necessary.
- All instream work will occur in the dry season (Typically June 1st – October 15th).