

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: SIS-89 Vegetation Management Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
Siskiyou County State Route 89 - Post Miles - 24.5-28.14, 28.95-29.25, 30.26-32.05, and 33.81-34.30

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation, using state funding, proposes to implement a vegetation management project along State Route (SR) 89. The limits of work are comprised of four segments of SR 89 between Interstate 5 and the community of McCloud. The purpose of the project is to improve public safety by establishing defensible space along the highway. The project is needed to maximize traffic flow for all modes of transportation during emergency operations and manage roadside vegetation. Additionally, the project would improve line of sight for animal crossings and allow solar radiation to reduce ice and snow accumulation.

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 (h)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

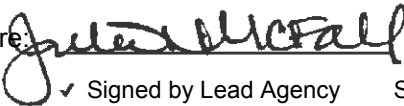
Caltrans has determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 (h) and has been determined to not have a significant effect on the environment and is not an expansion of use. The project is a native growth vegetation management project in an area of high fire severity zone and a wildland urban interface.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Julie McFall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-812-4878

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:  Date: 3/9/22 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 _____