

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: Calaveras, Mariposa  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1P680: DO CAL-4 & MPA-140 Hazard Tree Trimming & Removal

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
The project has two locations: on State Route (SR) 4, from post mile (PM) 36.0-50.0, in Calaveras County; and on SR-140, from PM 15.0-22.0, in Mariposa County.

Project Location - City: VAR Project Location - County: CAL/MPA

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an emergency Director’s Order project to trim and remove trees, which have become hazardous due to recent snow, storm, and wind events. The scope of work includes traffic control, tree trimming, felling of uprooted and/or hazardous trees, minor slope and ditch stabilization, and the removal of debris, limbs, and stumps where necessary. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to trim and remove trees that are an immediate threat to the roadway. The project is needed to ensure the functionality of these highways and safety of the traveling public.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:  
Specific Actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

**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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 03/14/2022 Title: Associate Environmental Planner  
 Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.