

# Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: CDP 2019-0024 Navarro Safety

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

Project Location - Specific: Within the Coastal Zone along SR1 just south of its intersection with Navarro Ridge Road (County Road 518), between postmiles 41.78 and 42.3. Staging is proposed at postmile 42.4.

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: MENDOCINO

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Standard Coastal Development Permit to make safety improvements and perform rehabilitation on State Route (SR) 1 from post mile (PM) 41.78 to PM 42.3. The project proposes to widen the existing lanes to 12 feet each, widen the existing shoulders in both directions to 4 feet, install a Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) treated with light-brown stain, improve the superelevation, reestablish the drainage facilities and 6-foot box culvert for wildlife passage, replace the centerline rumble strip, and remove up to 75 trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21070(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Class 1 (d) - 15301
- Statutory Exemption.** State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is for both safety improvements and to perform drainage rehabilitation. The project materials document erosion occurring below culvert outlets within the project area and, consistent with the class 1(d) exemption, provides for the rehabilitation of the drainage facilities and in turn the roadway prism to meet current public health and safety standards.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions provided in CEQA guidelines section 15300.2(b) through (f) are application to the project. There are no cumulative impacts of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time that result in significant environmental effects. There have been emergency repairs and regular maintenance conducted to sections of State Route 1 over the years but County staff is not aware of a project in this location that was the same type and over time results in significant environmental effects. There are not unusual circumstances related to the project site such that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, as detailed in the numerous studies prepared for this project. State Route 1 is not an officially designated state scenic highway. The site is not a hazardous waste site on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project will not result in a substantial adverse change to the significance of any historical resource within the project area, as documented by the response from the Sonoma State University Northwest Information Center on August 30, 2021.

Conditions of approval were adopted by the Mendocino County Coastal Permit Administrator requiring that the project implementation be consistent with the recommended BMPs and avoidance and minimization measures outlined in Sections 1.2, 1.3, and 3.2 of the *ESHA Assessment*, June 2019, Section 1.2.1 of the *Natural Environment Study*, September 2017 and its *Addendum*, November 28, 2018, Sections 4 through 8 of the *Onsite Revegetation Plan*, and Pages 2-4 of the *Rare Plant Memo/Letter* intended to protect ESHA.

Lead Agency  
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**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: *Julia Krog* Date: APRIL 6, 2022 Title: DIRECTOR

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: \_\_\_\_\_