

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: CDP 2019-0034 Navarro Drainage

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

Project Location - Specific: Within the Coastal Zone along State Route 1 near its intersection with Navarro Ridge Road (County Road 518), between postmiles 42.35 and 42.45.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: MENDOCINO

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Standard Coastal Development Permit to upgrade and repair approximately 0.1 miles of State Route (SR) 1 by relocating the drainage system to the natural channel, repairing failed roadway embankment side-slopes and the embankment adjacent to an existing private driveway, improving the roadway geometry and increase the roadway travel lanes to 12 feet wide each and increasing paved shoulders to 4 feet wide within the project limits.

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 restoration of an existing failing culvert and correction to the erosion that is currently threatening State Route 1. 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 subject 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 this drainage system and section 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 3.5 of the *ESHA Assessment*, July 2019, Section 1.4 of the *Natural Environment Study*, July 2017, and Sections 4 through 8 of the *Revegetation Plan* intended to protect ESHA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: JULIA KROG Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-234-6650

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: _____