

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: Calaveras & Alpine

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1P580: Ebbetts Pass Scenic Byway Gateway Monuments & Signage

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is on State Route (SR) 4 at post mile (PM) 41.92-65.87 in Calaveras County, on SR-4 at PM 0.00-31.68 in Alpine County, and on SR-89 at PM 9.96-15.30 in Alpine County.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: CAL/ALP

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes installing wayfinding and interpretive signage along Ebbetts Pass National Scenic Byway. The scope of work includes installing confidence markers and other related signs on new or existing signposts. Three gateway monuments will be installed at the western and eastern entrances to Ebbetts Pass. All work will occur within existing Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to provide a better navigational and interpretive experience for locals and visitors traveling on Ebbetts Pass. The project is needed to restore a sense of pride in these rural communities and to facilitate visitor understanding, appreciation, and advocacy of the surrounding resources.

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: Existing Facilities section 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitats, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

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: 05/09/2022 Title: Associate 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 _____