



**CEQA EXEMPTION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

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| <u>Project Information</u> | |
| Project Name (if applicable): Walker Fire | |
| DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-101 | PM/PM: 42/43.5 |
| EA: 01-0M500 | Federal-Aid Project Number: |
| <u>Project Description</u> | |
| <p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued an Emergency Director's Order to address damage caused by a sudden wildfire that broke out between Willits and Ukiah on highway 101 from PM 42 to PM 43.5, burning up a half-mile stretch of road and ROW. Work is scheduled to begin September 7, 2022 and last approximately 60 days. Excavation depths will be no more than from 2 - 4 feet. The culverts, located at PM 42.77 and 42.9, are located in flat areas and do not indicate natural stream channels but do appear to convey water during and after rain events. The scope of work includes traffic control, guardrail repair, embankment stabilization, drainage repair/replacement, erosion control, and right of way (ROW) fence replacement. The purpose of this project is to repair the affected drainages and restore the roadway to pre-damage condition. Soil will not be transported off site. This project is needed to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential public services. All work will be within the Caltrans right of way.</p> | |

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq. – 15269[d])
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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| Dominic Vitali |  | 12/1/2022 |
| Print Name | Signature | Date |

Project Manager

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| Trevor Goff |  | 12/02/2022 |
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Continuation sheet:

Environmental Considerations:

Biological, cultural, visual, and hazardous waste and materials reviews been completed by qualified specialists. There are no significant environmental impacts associated with this project. No environmental permits are required for this project.





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