

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: Humboldt  
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist.  
District 1 - Environmental Planning  
Eureka CA 95501

Project Title: Downtown Orleans Beautification

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
Route-96 postmiles 36.9 to 39.7

Project Location - City: Orleans Project Location - County: HUM

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Work includes installation of a solar decorative lighting (currently five locations – more may be added depending on funding), a special crosswalk near the elementary school and Orleans Gateway signs at the east and west approach to the town on Highway 96. The project will result in minor disturbance of vegetation on the highway shoulders within the area currently mowed for the placement of the signs and lights. There will be no tree removal.

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: Type I
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

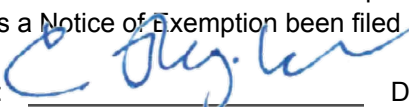
Existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Coady Reynolds Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 684-6988

**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:  Date: January 24, 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_