



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

<u>Project Information</u>		
Project Name (if applicable): Hazard Tree DO North		
DIST-CO-RTE: 01-DN/HUM/MEN-101/199/254	PM/PM: Multiple Locations	
EA: 01-0M550	Federal-Aid Project Number:	
<u>Project Description</u>		
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued an Emergency Director’s Order to perform emergency work at multiple locations along highways 101, 199, and 254 in Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties in District 1 to address hazard trees in the ROW. Hazard trees are identified as dead or partially dead and/or having major structural deficiencies that are predisposed to failure. There are four primary locations where work would occur: Del Norte County Route 199 near Jedediah Smith State Park (SP), Humboldt County Route 101 near Prairie Creek SP, Humboldt County Route 254 near Humboldt Redwoods SP, and 101, and Mendocino County Route 101. Work is scheduled to begin mid-August and be complete by February 1, 2023. The scope of work includes traffic control, pavement repair (damage expected during hazard tree removal), hazard tree removal and disposal, erosion control/site restoration, and mobilization. The purpose of this project is to keep the roadway safely open to the public. This project is needed immediately to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential services. The project is funded with State funds only and no Federal dollars are included. All work will be within the Caltrans right of way or within State Park property, where select trees have been approved for removal by State Parks’ arborist.</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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Print Name	Signature	Date

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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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