



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

Project Information
Project Name (if applicable): Hazard Tree DO South
DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN/LAK-1/101/175 **PM/PM:** Multiple Locations
EA: 01-0M560 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description
 The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued an Emergency Director’s Order to perform emergency work at multiple locations in Mendocino and Lake 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. The project area is along U.S. Highway 101 in Mendocino County from post mile (PM) 92.40 to PM 98.90, California State Route 175 in Lake County from PM 6.14 to PM 15.00, and California State Route 1 in Mendocino County from PM 1.10 to PM 11.88. Work is scheduled to begin mid-September 2022 and be complete by March 30, 2023. The scope of work includes removal and disposal of hazard trees, traffic control, erosion control, repair/restore roadway, 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.

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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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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