

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 6  
2015 E. Shields Ave  
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County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: Ash Slough/Rte 99/233 Separation Bridge

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

At the State Route 99/State Route 233 Interchange in Chowchilla

Project Location - City: Chowchilla Project Location - County: Madera

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project proposes to perform an exploratory geotechnical investigation, to determine subsurface composition for proposed bridge widenings. Drilling would be performed at four locations taking approximately two weeks to complete. Mud-rotary drilling methods would be utilized for the geotechnical borings to support geotechnical sampling and the installation of instrumentation. The estimated maximum depth for boring locations 1 and 2 would be 100 feet below ground surface. The estimated maximum depth for boring locations 3 and 4 would be 150 below ground surface. The width of each borehole are typically 4 to 8 inches in diameter.

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: Class 6 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Lead Agency Judith Lopez (559) 383-5519  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Judith Lopez Date: 7/25/2024 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

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: \_\_\_\_\_