

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Ridgewood Grade Safety Geotech Drilling

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

US 101 between post (PM) 39.8 and 40.4 in the rural unincorporated area of Willits.

Project Location - City: Willits Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a Geotechnical drilling project in support of the Ridgewood Grade Safety Project, located between PM 39.8 and PM 40.4 on US Highway 101 in Mendocino County, approximately 6 miles south of the City of Willits. The Ridgewood Grade Safety project would increase inside and outside shoulder widths on both sides of US 101, and require roadway excavation, construction of a Mechanically Stabilized Embankment Wall (MSEW), and construction of new roadway structural section. This MSEW requires collection of subsurface data that is necessary in the preparation of geotechnical recommendations and construction procedures.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: 14 CCR 15306 Class 6
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

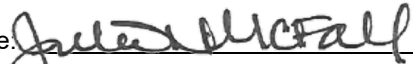
Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Julie McFall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 812-4878

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: 5/16/23 Title: Sr. Env. 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: _____