

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): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

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: Laurel Osborn Date: _____ Title: _____

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: _____



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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Earthquake Emergency Bridge Repairs Director's Order

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-HUM-101/299

PM/PM: 52.6-70.6/1.55-1.56

EA: 01-0M750

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is undergoing emergency work on State Route (SR) 101 in Humboldt County between Post Mile (PM) 52.6 – 70.6 and SR 299 between PM 1.55 – 1.56 pertaining to damage caused by a magnitude 6.4 earthquake on December 20, 2022, that occurred off the Northern California coastline near the city of Ferndale in Humboldt County. A State of CA emergency proclamation was issued for this event on December 20, 2022. The earthquake caused widespread damage throughout Humboldt County.

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.)

Categorically Exempt. Class Enter class. (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

Dominic Vitali

6/22/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Trevor Goff

06/22/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
Activity 4 listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Dominic Vitali Signature Date 6/22/2023

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Trevor Goff Signature Date 06/22/2023

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/22/23

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

Following damage assessments by the Caltrans District 1 Bridge Maintenance Crew and Caltrans Structure, Maintenance and Investigations (SMI) Crew, minor earthquake damage was discovered at multiple bridges, including bridge abutment settlement, bearing pad damage, and concrete spalling. Work began on March 8, 2023, and is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2023. This project is needed immediately to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential services. The purpose of this project is to keep the roadway safely open to the public and repair the various bridge locations to pre-earthquake damage conditions.

Originally, the scope of work involved repairing bearing pads, bridge approaches/departures and concrete spalling. However, after a survey conducted by Caltrans SMI, the work was down scoped to only repairing bridge approach/departures at each location.

Work will solely be completed within the Caltrans right-of-way (ROW). Equipment staging will be confined to paved surfaces. No vegetation or tree removal is anticipated.

Biological, cultural, hazardous waste, and visual reviews have been conducted. There will be no impacts to sensitive natural resources.

No permits are required to complete this work.