

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: Fresno

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 200
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: FRE 180 Emergency Slope Repairs—Geotechnical Investigation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 180 between post mile 118.5 and post mile 121.8 in Fresno County

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project is part of a Director's Order for the emergency repair of SR 180 due to washouts from winter storms. Six borings are planned to gain subsurface information needed for repair recommendations. The drilling system requires fluid made up of water mixed with bentonite, clay-based powder, and/or liquid polymer. This drilling fluid is contained in a closed system and will be disposed of. All work will be performed on the paved route.

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: _____
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: 14 CCR 15269(a)

Reason why project is exempt:

The project is to repair, restore, and/or replace facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been declared.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shane Gunn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-832-0051

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: Shane Gunn Date: 8/22/2023 Title: Senior 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 _____