

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans - District 1
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

(Address)

Project Title: Oilwell Hill Safety

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) - District 1

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: Willits, PM 50.7-52.2 Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to improve safety for all roadway travelers by decreasing the frequency and severity of collisions on US Highway 101 just north of the city of Willits. This project covers 1.5 miles of highway, and is geared at decreasing cross over collisions and the frequency of vehicles running off the road, to meet a need identified in the 2017 and 2018 Run Off Road Collision Report and Cross Over Collision Monitoring Program Report.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 1

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 1

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: 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a safety project on existing highway facilities that would not create any additional automobile lanes. We would be adding safety features including a center median to prevent cross-traffic collisions, while increasing line of site visibility, and improving the lane recovery ability of vehicles.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rachel Conway Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-382-6467

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: Rachel Conway Date: 11/15/2023 Title: 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: _____