

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) _____
California Department of Transportation
District 1 Office, 1656 Union St. Eureka CA, 95501
(Address)

County Clerk
County of: _____

Project Title: 01-0M260 Inland Mad-Redwood and Eel Watersheds Advanced Mitigation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location—Specific:
CalTran District 1, Humboldt/Mendocino-254

Project Location—City: Eureka Project Location—County: Humboldt/Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this inland Mitigation Bank project is for the CA Department of Transportation to hire a third-party contractor to create mitigation credits to achieve compensatory mitigation for transportation projects. The project is needed to comply with regulatory permits and no credits exist.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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: 14 CCR 15061 [b][3]
 - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is a request for proposal (RFP) for a service contract for a third party contractor to establish mitigation credits for California Transportation projects in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties. The selected contractor will be responsible for establishing mitigation credits and all environmental clearances required under CEQA.

Lead Agency _____ Area Code/Telephone/ _____
Contact Person: Denise Walker-Brown Extension: 707-492-0004

- 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: Denise Walker-Brown Date: 2/23/2024 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by:
 Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.