

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: Geotechnical Investigation for the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

Interstate 5 in Shasta County from post mile R13.9 to R23.2. Borings would be drilled at the following post miles: R16.15, R16.98, R22.08, and R18.48.

Project Location - City: City of Redding and City of Shasta Lake Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state and federal funding, plans to conduct a geotechnical investigation on Interstate 5 in Shasta County from post mile R13.9 to R23.2. Borings would be drilled at the following post miles: R16.15, R16.98, R22.08, and R18.48. The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to collect data on subsurface conditions at various locations. The geotechnical investigation is needed because the data collected would be used to evaluate the subsurface conditions to provide foundation recommendations for overhead signs and a communication tower to be installed as part of the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project.

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: 15306 Information Collection - Class 6
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15306 (Information Collection) Class 6—Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Carolyn Sullivan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 218-8940

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: Carolyn Sullivan Date: 5/29/24 Title: Env. Branch Chief - R2

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: _____