

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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County Clerk  
County of Placer  
2954 Richardson Dr.  
Auburn, CA 95603

**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 3  
703 B St.  
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Alta Capital Maintenance Geotechnical Drilling Project (EA:03-0J410)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 3

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 80 PM 33.00-44.90

Project Location - City: Colfax                      Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to conduct a geotechnical investigation to evaluate subsurface conditions for the proposed Alta CAPM Project on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Placer County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 3

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: Class 6, Section 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The geotechnical drilling is considered basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt under CEQA Section 15306-Information Collection.


Lead Agency Contact Person: Erin Damm

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**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:  Date: 2/6/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 2/7/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.