

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans

703 B Street

Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Ridgewood Grade Safety

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

U.S 101 PM 39.8/40.4, 6 miles south of the city of Willits in Mendocino County CA.

Project Location - City: Willits

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes this safety project located between PM 39.8 and PM 40.4 on US Highway 101 in Mendocino County. This project is approximately 6 miles south of the City of Willits. This project will increase inside and outside shoulder widths on both sides of the 4-lane divided expressway. The project will also provide paved Maintenance Vehicle Pullout (MVP) areas, median barrier replacement, new shoulder rumble strip application, and new High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST) on curves. Work will include roadway excavation, construction of new roadway structural section, drainage system improvements, pavement delineation, and reconstruction/relocation of existing Midwest Guardrail System (MGS).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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 1(c) Section 15301

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Lead Agency

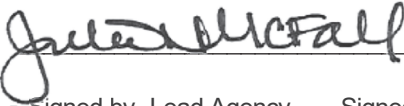
Contact Person: Julie McFall

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-812-4878

**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: 6/27/24 Title: Sr. 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: \_\_\_\_\_