

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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PROJECT TITLE: Pope Valley Paving Project

PROJECT PERMITS: RDS 24-05, 24-06, & 24-07

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: The Pope Valley Paving Project includes the resurfacing of Ink Grade Road and Pope Valley Road (base bid) and a portion of Chiles Pope Valley Road (between Barnett Rd and Howell Mountain Rd) and Butts Canyon Road (between Aetna Springs Rd and James Creek Rd). These roadways are located in the Pope Valley region of Napa County and act as commuter/emergency major collector routes, with Ink Grade Road classified as a local road.

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): Angwin

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Pope Valley Paving project includes removing debris from roadway and shoulders, replacing culverts, digout repairs, pavement reconstruction, conform grinding, roadway tapers, resurfacing the entire width of the road with a levelling course and a wearing course, shoulder backing, replacing and installing new signage, and thermoplastic striping. Safety improvements will include roadway striping, installation of sharp turn warning signs, repairing and upgrading other signs, and installing reflectors above steep grade and sharp curves. All work will occur within the existing travel lanes and shoulder areas. The project shall incorporate best management practices and no removal of vegetation or trimming of trees are proposed as part of these projects, unless it is growing from within 2-feet of the facility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Napa

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Sydney Barclay, Napa County Public Work Department
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EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQAG) section number:
Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Class 2-Replacement or Reconstruction.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Pursuant to Sections 15022(a)(1)(C) and 15300.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Napa County Board of Supervisors have adopted implementation procedures, identifying specific projects that would be categorically exempt from established CEQA Guidelines. The proposed improvements would be considered Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities, which includes the operation and repair of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing of former use. The proposed improvements would also be considered Categorical Exempt pursuant to Section 15302, Class 2- Replacement or Reconstruction, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. A key consideration in the appropriateness of using these Categorical Exemptions is whether the Project would be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. In terms of negligible expansion, the proposed Projects will take place within the existing roadway footprints or shoulder areas, and do not include significant expansions beyond existing conditions. The proposed Projects would repair existing roads and shoulder areas. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed Projects qualify for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption, and have no reasonable possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. There is no reasonable possibility that these projects will have a significant effect on the environment, or damage scenic resources

because there will be minimal ground disturbance through the surface treatment of existing public roadways and shoulders; project sites are not listed on any hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner

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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: _____

Title: Supervising Planner

Date: 06/28/2024

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A.

Signed by Applicant