

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: Modoc  
108 E. Modoc Street  
Alturas CA 96101

From: (Public Agency): County of Modoc  
203 W. 4th Street  
Alturas CA 96101  
(Address)

Project Title: CAL-ORE Telephone Subsurface Telecommunications Project

Project Applicant: Brian Hansen / Mid States Consultants

Project Location - Specific:  
Multiple Roadways in the Newell area of Modoc County (see project description)

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
CAL-ORE Telephone project proposes to place a telecommunication cable and appurtenances in and around the Newell area. The project is designed to enhance telecommunications services for rural communities and provide residents living along the proposed route the opportunity to stay connected in today's world of technology in a manner equitable with dense population centers. County roads that will be included on this project: CR 102/ Rim Road, CR 111, CR 124, CR 120, CR 126, CR 176, Hunter Drive, several roads and alleys in Newell.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Modoc

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Brian Hansen / Mid States Consultants

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

Reasons why project is exempt:  
Modoc County Code Section 18.100.010(C) Public Utilities. Except as otherwise specified, public utility transmission lines and distribution poles and lines, whether above ground or under-ground, are permitted uses in any zone. Based on the project description, the baseline condition for each segment of buried telecommunication conduit/cable occurs in existing road right-of-way or adjacent to improved road and shoulder and is regularly maintained. Exemptions recommended are based on the scope, design, and review of documents provided by CAL-ORE Telephone. This project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Section 15268, where a project is determined to be ministerial by the particular agency as determined by the analysis of its own laws.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Sean Curtis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-233-7651

- 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: Sean Curtis Date: 15 Oct 24 Title: Interim Planning Director

▪ 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.