

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans  
1656 Union Street  
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County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: Hartsook Creek Fish Passage

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

**On U.S. Highway 101 at post mile 0.88.**

Project Location - City: Garberville Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace a reinforced concrete box culvert with a bridge to remediate a fish passage barrier, repair the deteriorated drainage system, and prevent potential roadway damage from a drainage system failure.

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: Section 15333, Class 33
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is a small habitat restoration project under 5 acres that will remove a barrier to fish passage and improve fish habitat and wildlife connectivity by replacing a box culvert with a full span solution. Project design is in accordance with published CDFW guidelines. The project will have no significant adverse impact on special-status species or their habitat, will not disturb or remove hazardous materials, and will not have impacts that are cumulatively significant.

Lead Agency Julie Price Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 362-5431  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Julie Price Date: 11/4/24 Title: Environmental Coordinator

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: \_\_\_\_\_