

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans District 6
2015 E Shields Ave
Fresno, CA 93726

Project Title: Fresno SR 41 Wood Mulch Removal

Project Applicant: Trais Norris

Project Location - Specific: Southbound Fresno SR 41 at Broadway onramp (PM 22.50 to PM 22.70)
Northbound Fresno SR 41 along San Benito Street between Van Ness Ave and O street (PM 22.65 - PM 22.95)

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work is to remove any excess wood mulch that is beyond 3" thick, and then scatter the existing mulch in areas that are less than 3" thick so that it's uniform throughout the entire area. There will be additional tree trimming mulch for areas that are less than 3" thick and repairs made to the irrigation system. The project would place new planting, where necessary and remove existing tree stumps. This emergency contract is needed to avoid the failure or threat of failure to the transportation system and to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services as well as to the best interest to the state.

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(h). Replacement or Reconstruction (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because it is needed to avoid the failure or threat of failure to the transportation system and to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services as well as to the best interest to the state.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Trais Norris

Phone number: 559-320-6045

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: *William "Trais" Norris, AEA* Date: 11/20/74 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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