

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation- District 3  
703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Mendocino 162 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project (EA: 01-0M192)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation- District 3

Project Location - Specific: State Route 162 between post miles 0.0 and 29.6 in Mendocino County.

Project Location - City: Near Covelo      Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation, in coordination with the California Department of Technology, proposes to install broadband infrastructure consisting of conduit, fiber optic cable, vaults, and markers on State Route (SR) 162 between post miles (PM) 0.0 to 29.6 in Mendocino County. Caltrans is coordinating with the Bureau of Land Management where the project crosses into federal lands along SR 162 between PM 17.36 to 19.67.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation- District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation- District 3

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: Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dotrik Wilson

Phone number: (530) 821-3054

**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: *Dotrik Wilson*      Date: 12/2/2024      Title: Branch Chief

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.