

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Caltrans District 1  
1656 Union Street  
Eureka CA 95501

Project Title: Drainage Rehab and Fish Passage

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans District 1)

Project Location - Specific: On Highway 101, in Del Norte County, from Post Mile 0.0 to 46.5.

Project Location - City: Crescent City      Project Location - County: Del Norte

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes geotechnical field exploration to support the design and construction of the proposed elements for the Drainage Rehab and Fish Passage Project on US Highway 101 between post miles (PM) 0.0 and 46.5 in Del Norte County. This geotechnical investigation would provide the subsurface data necessary for the preparation of geotechnical recommendations, collected via mud rotary drilling, with a total of 12 boring holes across 6 locations (PM's 9.12, 10.80, 19.05, 37.46, 39.01, 40.71), all within the existing paved roadway.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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 6
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is a basic geotechnical data collection and resource evaluation activity which would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. It is part of a study leading to an action which Caltrans has not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rachel Conway

Phone number: 707-382-6467

**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: *Rachel Conway*      Date: 01/09/2025      Title: Environmental Coordinator

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.