

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Sonoma

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Highway 1 Landslide Repair Project (EA 3X080)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on Highway 1 in Sonoma County from post mile (PM) 7.21 to PM 7.22, north of Bay Hill Road.

Project Location - City: Bodega Bay Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to repair two slip outs that resulted from recent rain events. The slip out located at PM 7.22 is about 15 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The slip out located at PM 7.21 is about 45 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The edge of failure (hinge point) is four feet from the edge of pavement. This emergency work is necessary to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, property, and essential public service. The project will involve constructing a 90-foot-long by approximately 15-foot-tall soldier pile retaining wall with a waler and concrete face along the southbound shoulder at the slip out at PM 7.21. A 180-foot-long secant wall with pile cap and no exposed facing spaced at 2.5 feet will be constructed at the slip out at PM 7.22. The total length of the retaining wall will be 270 feet. The top of the walls will be in line with the original ground so the walls will not be visible from the roadway. A 50-foot-long rock lined ditch and a 70' x 4' x 2' bioretention area will be constructed at the bottom of the wall.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 et seq. Class 1(d)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1(d) Existing Facilities. All work will remain within Caltrans right of way. Equipment will be staged within Caltrans right of way in areas absent of vegetation. All heavy machinery will be operated from the existing roadway prism. Construction will not impact the unnamed creek below the slip out. No trees will be removed, but clearing and grubbing of vegetation is required. The project site will be revegetated after construction.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 2/4/25

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

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.