

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: SR-116 Slip Out Stabilization DO (EA 04-3X050)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on SR-116 at post mile 10.4, 0.06-mile south of the Russian River Sidehill Viaduct, in Sonoma County.

Project Location - City: Guerneville Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to stabilize an embankment that slipped out at post mile 10.4 on SR-116 due to recent storm events. The project will involve applying traffic control systems, removing dirt and debris from the slide, placing a containment plan, and installing an earth retaining system, drainage, RSP, and erosion control. The damaged guard rail will also be replaced. This emergency work is necessary to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, property, and essential public service. Delaying these repairs will further exacerbate the already apparent storm damage and predicted heavy and continuous rain events, which cannot be avoided, are expected to make conditions worse.

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 Class 1(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1(d) Existing Facilities. Most of the construction activities will be limited to the roadway, and therefore, significant environmental impacts are not anticipated. Caltrans will implement water quality and biological conservation measures to reduce potential affects to special-status species and aquatic habitats.

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: 2/21/25

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.