

Notice of Exemption

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County of Alameda
1106 Madison Street
Oakland, CA 94607

From: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
District 4, 111 Grand Avenue
Oakland, California 94612

Project Title: Soil Nail Wall

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 4

Project Location - Specific: On Route 116, near Guerneville, in Sonoma County at 0.2 Miles west of Redwood Drive, at postmile 9.20.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed Project will repair a steep cut slope caused by a landslide occurring after a winter rain event along westbound State Route 116. The Project proposes to repair the cut slope by constructing a soil nail wall with 40-foot-long soil nails. The Project would also widen the shoulder along the face of the wall and regrade existing roadside ditches.

The project aims to prevent future landslides onto SR 116 that would impact the accessibility of the highway and the safety of the traveling public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 4

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 4

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. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans Environmental Analysis determined that this project qualified for Class 1 exemption. After reviewing the project plans and current environmental databases/additions, the project will have no effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Gassner

Phone number: (510) 506-0372

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: *Brian Gassner* Date: 03/26/2025 Title: Environmental 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.



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