

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans District 1
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Lake 29 Collaborative Prevention

Project Location - County: Lake Highway 29 Postmiles 45.1 -47.9

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Work would consist of vegetation preparation followed by prescribed burning. No ground disturbance is anticipated. Impacts would NOT occur to Bed, bank, or channel of any jurisdictional features. The purpose of the project is to modify the vegetation along the state highway system to provide for safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel. This project is needed to protect life, property, infrastructure, natural resources, and reduce the potential for fire spread from vehicle induced ignitions along the State Highway System.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Calfire

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: 15304. Class 4
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. The project would not result in significant adverse effects on the environment or any exceptions to the exemption.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cassie Nichols

Phone number: 707-798-7557

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: *Cassie Nichols* Date: 03/27/2025 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

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.