

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: 10A2603: Amador & Mariposa Fuels Reduction Contract

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located in Caltrans Right-of-Way on State Route (SR) 49, between post mile (PM) 0.500 and 22.116 in Amador County and between PM 23.000 and 47.500 in Mariposa County.

Project Location - City: VAR

Project Location - County: AMA, MPA

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes vegetation management along SR-49 in Amador and Mariposa Counties. The scope of work includes removing brush, shrubs, ground fuels, debris, and dead, dying, and/or hazardous trees that pose a threat to public health and safety, and smaller diameter, suppressed, or intermediate trees in areas of high density. The purpose of this project is to reduce and rearrange vegetation while creating breaks in fuel continuity along the SR-49. The project is needed to facilitate the safe ingress and egress of vehicles and personnel during emergency wildfire events.

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: 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel

Phone number: 209-986-9808

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: *Elizabeth Hummel* Date: 03/27/2025 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.