

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Love's Travel Stop – SR 36 Soil Borings (Encroachment Permit 022-5-6SV-0065)

Project Applicant: Love's Travel Stops

Project Location - Specific: Along State Route (SR) 36 in Lassen County within post miles R26.84 to R26.53 in the City of Susanville

Project Location - City: Susanville Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Love's Travel Stops is proposing to complete soil borings at 11 locations within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along State Route (SR) 36 in Lassen County within post miles R26.84 to R26.53 in the City of Susanville. The soil borings are needed to support construction of a new Love's Travel Station (fueling station and convenience store) at the northwest corner of SR 36 (Main Street) and East Skyline Road. Five of the proposed soil borings would be located within either the west paved or unpaved shoulder of SR 36, between Riverside Drive and East Skyline Road. Six of the boring locations would be located along the north paved or unpaved shoulder of East Skyline Road, between SR 36 and Johnstonville Road. The soil borings would be drilled by a truck or track mounted rotary drill rig and would be backfilled with neat cement grout and capped with cold patch, quickcrete dyed black, or Class II aggregate base (if located in unpaved shoulder). Boring would require shoulder work, road closures, and flaggers. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0225-6SV-0065) to allow the proposed improvements to occur within the right-of-way of SR 36.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans (for issuance of encroachment permit)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Love's Travel Stops

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: Information Collection (Class 6)
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15306 (Information Collection) Class 6 — basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Keith Pelfrey Phone number: (530) 941-3340

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: *Keith Pelfrey* Date: 4/17/2025 Title: Senior 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.