

Notice of Exemption

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County of Santa Barbara
1100 Anacapa St.,
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From: Caltrans District 5
50 Higuera St.,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: Geotechnical Drilling for Gaviota Creek Improvements

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 5

Project Location - Specific: In the southbound Highway 101 shoulder, across from the northbound Gaviota Rest Area, near post mile 46.9.

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes three geotechnical borings in the southbound Highway 101 shoulder, across from the northbound Gaviota Rest Area, near PM 46.9. These borings are intended to gather geotechnical data for the construction of a retaining wall on the southbound shoulder that is part of the 05-1M440 Segment A project scope. The borings will be in pavement and 80 feet deep and 4.5 inches wide.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 5

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 5

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 planned work has been reviewed and it would have no significant environmental impacts. Appropriate avoidance and minimization measures for biological and paleontological resources will be implemented.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dianna Beck

Phone number: 805-459-9406

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: Dianna Beck Date: 5/19/25 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

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.