

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: EPIMS-HUM-61811-R1C Hartsook Creek Fish Passage Project (EA 01-0H641)

Project Location: This Project is located in Humboldt County on U.S. Highway 101, at Post Mile 0.88, near Cooks Valley, approximately eight miles south of Garberville.

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to replace a deteriorated 8'-wide x 6'-high x 76'-long reinforced concrete box culvert with a 36'-long x 44' to 56'-wide concrete bridge with fish passage design.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, 2, and 33; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, 15302, and 15333.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves reconstruction of an existing facility and improves fish passage. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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