

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Del Norte

**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans District 1  
1656 Union Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

(Address)

Project Title: Last Chance Grade Geotechnical Drilling Investigation

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 1

Project Location - Specific:

**Highway 101 in Del Norte County, Post Miles 14.6 and 15.7.**

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Del Norte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a geotechnical investigation at two boring locations on Highway 101 in Del Norte County along the stretch known as Last Chance Grade (LCG), at approximate Post Miles 14.6 and 15.7. The purpose of this geotechnical investigation is to adequately characterize and evaluate subsurface conditions in the LCG Project area and provide information about the shape and depth of movement of the LCG landslide complex and the relationship between the earthflow and rockslide complex.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 1

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 1

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 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is collecting subsurface information from geotechnical drilling beginning in developed turnouts and areas in the Caltrans Right of Way. Based on the method of data collection, the conditions at the drilling sites, and an analysis of the proposed activities, none of the exceptions in Section 1500.2 apply to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Stephen Umbertis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707)382-2889

**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: Stephen Umbertis Date: 5/20/25 Title: Environmental Coordinator

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_