

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: PacifiCorp Highway 3 Geotechnical Borings (Encroachment Permit 022-5-6SV-0122)

Project Applicant: PacifiCorp

Project Location - Specific: Along State Route (SR) 3 in Siskiyou County within post miles 12.309 to 30.528

Project Location - City: City of Etna/Greenview Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

PacifiCorp is proposing to complete geotechnical exploratory soil borings at 18 locations within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') right-of-way along State Route (SR) 3 in Siskiyou County within post miles 13.709 to 30.528 as shown in Table 1. The soil borings are needed to support the installation of a transmission line. Borings will be located in the shoulders or embankments of SR 3 and will extend between 30 and 50 feet in depth. The borings will be completed using a truck or track mounted rotary drill rig equipped with four- to six-inch diameter solid/hollow stem augers and/or mud rotary techniques. Upon completion, the borings will be backfilled with neat cement grout and capped with cold patch or quickcrete dyed black. A lane closure is not anticipated unless utility conflicts are encountered. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0225-6SV-0122) to allow the proposed improvements to occur within the right-of-way of SR 3.

Table 1. Proposed Geotechnical Boring Locations

Boring Designation	Postmile
SB-13	30.528
SB-14	29.481
SB-15	27.838

SB-16	26.788
SB-17	25.804
SB-18	24.725
SB-19	23.605
SB-20	22.383
SB-22	20.682
SB-23	19.703
SB-24	18.347
SB-25	17.709
SB-26	17.236
SB-27	16.511
SB-28	15.471
SB-29	14.683
SB-30	14.167
SB-31	13.709

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PacifiCorp

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: 05/22/2025 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.





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