Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route – Geotechnical Investigation (for EA 03-4J110)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 3

Project Location - Specific: Nevada County on State Route 49 from post mile (PM) 2.10 to PM 9.80.

Project Location - City: Grass Valley Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes mobilization of equipment and personnel to perform geotechnical borings, and incidental work on State Route 49 in Nevada County. This work is in support of proposed project Grass Valley Wildfire Evacuation Route.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans – District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans – District 3

Exempt Status **(check one)**:

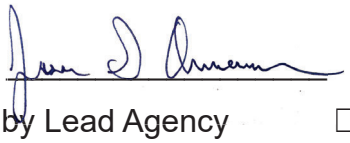
- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6, Section 15306 Information Collection
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is exempt under Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection as the project proposes to collect geotechnical samples for analysis on State Route 49 in Nevada County.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jason Ammerman Phone number: (530) 649-6959

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:  Date: 5/12/2025 Title: 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.