

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans, District 2
657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Vista Drive Ditch Fix

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County from post mile R16.70 to R17.24

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, is proposing a safety project that would make improvements along Interstate 5 (I-5) in Siskiyou County from post mile (PM) R16.70 to PM R17.24. The purpose of the project is to improve the clear recovery zone for all motorists. The project is needed because northbound motorists that have run off the road have twice hit the rock-lined ditch in the I-5 median at this location. The proposed work would replace existing rock slope protection (RSP) in roadside ditches with smaller RSP from PM R16.70 to PM R16.90 (northbound), from PM R16.98 to PM R17.01 (northbound), and from PM R16.74 to PM R16.78 (southbound). Existing RSP in a ditch in the median along the northbound lanes would be removed and the ditch would be paved from PM R17.04 to PM R17.24.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: Existing Facilities, Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 — Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. 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: 7/1/25 Title: Branch Chief - R3

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.