

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans - District 1
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Rowdy Creek Road Left Turn Channelization Safety Improvement

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) - District 1

Project Location - Specific: US Route 101 Intersection with Rowdy Creek Road, US 101 Post Mile 39.60 - 39.90

Project Location - City: Smith River Project Location - County: Del Norte

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a safety improvement project that will add a left turn lane from US 101 southbound to Rowdy Creek Rd. The project is needed to improve safety through shoulder widening, intersection lighting, and guardrail system modifications. The project would reduce the frequency and severity of collisions associated with left turn movements onto Rowdy Creek Road, improving safety for all roadway users.

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: 15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed safety improvement project would improve safety for left-turn movements at an existing intersection through a minor alteration of existing highway facilities that would not create additional capacity increasing automobile lanes and would not increase traffic volumes.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Rachel Conway

Phone number: 707-382-6467

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: *Rachel Conway* Date: 07/07/2025 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.