

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of Sonoma

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: SR-128 Calistoga Rockslide and Washout Repair DO (EA 04-3X420)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located in Sonoma County on westbound SR-128 from post mile 16.61 to 16.71 by Maacama Creek, near Calistoga.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Sonoma County

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to repair a rockslide and washout that was caused by the winter storms on westbound SR-128 from post mile 16.61 to 16.71. The storm events caused the westbound embankment slope to become saturated and unstable, therefore failing. At Location 1 (PM 16.61), a landslide approximately 190 feet wide, 40 feet long, and 3 feet deep occurred. At Location 2 (PM 16.65), the existing double-twisted wire mesh (DTWM) drapery system became loose and failed and the washout debris from the slope blocked the roadway and existing drainage inlet. At Location 3 (PM 16.71), a landslide approximately 165 feet wide, 45 feet long, and 3 feet deep occurred. At Locations 1 and 3, loose debris and materials will first be removed within the limits of the washout area and the slope will be graded. Rock slope protection (RSP) fabric, class 8, will be placed in conformance with Caltrans' Standard Specifications Section 72-2.02C over the excavated areas. Then class 6, ¾ ton RSP (Type A Placement) will be placed over the class 8 fabric. Three-point bearing for rocks must be achieved. At Location 2, the loose material on the slope will first be removed and the brow of the slope will be graded to match the adjacent slopes. Then the existing DTWM drapery system will be repaired by adding extra anchors. Sections of the drapery system that have totally failed will be replaced. The drainage system will also be repaired. Project construction will require one-way traffic control with temporary portable traffic lights. Temporary k-rail will also be installed during construction.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1(d) Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 7/14/25

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

- 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.