

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street #5
Eureka, CA 95501

From: DOT, Caltrans District 1
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Willow Creek Microsurfacing

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Route-96 at postmile 0.0 to 4.9

Project Location - City: Willow Creek Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Maintenance is developing a project on Route 96 in Humboldt County at and near Willow Creek from 0.2 mile west of Willow Creek Bridge to 4.1 miles east of Elementary School Road. Work will consist of cold planing asphalt concrete, replacing asphalt concrete surfacing, crack treatment, placing microsurfacing, installing rumble strips, placing shoulder backing on existing shoulder backing, and replacing pavement delineation. All work will be within the existing State right of way. Equipment staging will be confined to paved surfaces and existing non-vegetated turnouts. Construction Area Signs and Portable Changeable Message Signs will tentatively be placed on with negligible soil disturbance. There will be no tree removal.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: DOT, Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Stanley Brandenburg

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 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304. Existing Facilities.

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves minor alterations to existing facilities, which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, or adversely impact sensitive plant or wildlife species.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Coady Reynolds

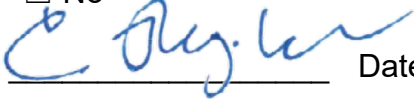
Phone number: 707-502-8041

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: 7/23/2025 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 7/23/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.