Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation – District 5
50 Higuera St,
San Luis Obispo,
CA 93401

Project Title: Geotechnical Investigation for the proposed State Route 152 Pavement and Complete Streets Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 5

Project Location - Specific: State Route 152 Post Miles: T0.31 – T4.14

Project Location - City: Watsonville Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Caltrans Office of Geotechnical Design West (OGDW) is planning to perform subsurface investigations for site geotechnical engineering characterization in support of the proposed project. The subsurface investigation program will involve drilling, visual logging, in-situ testing, and sampling of soil and rock from borings. OGDW proposes to place five (5) borings in support of utility location and shoulder embankment stabilization.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 5

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 5

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is exempt under CEQA 15300 Class 6

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kylen Kennedy Phone number: (805) 440-8532

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: Kyler K Date: 8/6/2025 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.