

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 6
2015 E Shields Ave
Fresno CA, 93726

Project Title: State Route 41 Capital Maintenance

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Route 41 in Coarsegold, near Road 415

Project Location - City: Coarsegold Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The potholing work will be performed on State Right of Way at two locations. The first location is on State Route 41 approximately at Post Mile 28.03, near Road 415. This location will have 8 potholes that will be used to locate two underground telephone lines owned by Sierra Telephone. The second location is located on State Route 41, approximately at Post Mile 32.05. This location will have 2 potholes to locate an underground telephone line owned by Sierra Telephone. The potholing will use compressed air and vacuum excavation to expose the underground telephone lines. For each potholing location, the contractor will excavate a 1' by 1' hole that may reach a maximum depth of 10 feet. Finally, all work will take place within Caltrans right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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 2 (c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the utility potholing work will not be invasive and will not have a significant impact on the environmental surroundings and/or resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Judith Lopez

Phone number: 559-240-5068

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: Judith Lopez Date: 8/11/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

☐ 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.