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: Big Lagoon Multiple Culverts

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Route-101 at postmile 111.2 to 111.3

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project involves replacing two failing drainage systems on Route-101 in Humboldt County at post miles (PM) 111.21 and 111.24. The purpose of this project is to preserve the road fill prism at these locations by upgrading the deteriorated drainage infrastructure. Each drainage system currently includes an 18-inch cross culvert and drainage inlets. The project will use the cut and cover construction method to replace the existing pipes with new. No rock energy dissipators are planned for installation. This project is needed to maintain the highway.

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: 9/9/2025 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 9/9/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.