

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of Lake  
255 N Forbes St # 223  
Lakeport, CA 95453

**From:** DOT, Caltrans District 1  
1656 Union St.  
Eureka, CA 955001

Project Title: Soda Bay Road Recycle

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route-281 between postmiles 15.4 - 17.0

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Lake

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Maintenance is developing a project on Route 281 in Lake County at and near Clearlake Riviera from 0.2 mile west of Inca Way to Route 29. Work will consist of partial depth recycling, replacing AC surfacing, replacing traffic signal loops, placing RHMA overlay, replacing AC dike, modifying OMP inlets to GMP inlets, adjusting overside drain entrance tapers, replacing 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. The purpose of the project is to place a partial depth recycle and overlay on this segment of highway as a form of corrective maintenance, in order to preserve the integrity of the roadway.

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

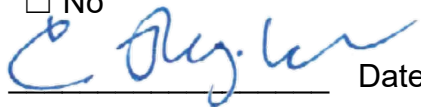
Phone number: (707) 502-8041

**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: 9/16/2025      Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 9/16/2025

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

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