Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Sonoma

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Pocket Canyon Slip Out Repair DO (EA 3X570)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located near Pocket Canyon on eastbound SR-116 in Sonoma County at post mile 15.40.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Sonoma County

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes repairing slip outs near Pocket Canyon on eastbound SR-116 in Sonoma County at post mile 15.40. The slip outs occurred during a large storm event, which caused erosion and displacement of soil, and led to instability and collapse of the roadway embankment. There is also a tree stump lodged at the southern edge of the creek path, which has undermined the toe of slope below the roadway. A 35-foot-long interlocking sheet pile wall will be installed nine feet outside of the fog line. The height of the sheet pile wall will be about 35-feet, including the embankment depth. The tope of the wall will be flush with the slope embankment. The area behind the sheet pile wall will be backfilled with cellular concrete non-standard special provision. Imported borrow will be placed over the cellular concrete and compacted to a minimum of 90% relative compaction. Cable railing will be constructed to protect pedestrians. Traffic control will be required during construction activities. A biological monitor will be present for all construction activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1(d)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Class 1(d) Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects, and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 9/29/25

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.