Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk
County of: Sierra
100 Courthouse Square, Suite 11
Downieville, CA 95936

From: (Public Agency): Sierra County
Department of Transportation
101 Courthouse Square, Downieville, CA 95936
(Address)

Project Title: 2023 Storm Damaged Embankment System and Roadway Shoulder Repair: County Road 490 - Brandy City Road - 1 Location, Project No. 757

Project Applicant: Sierra County Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

County Road 490 Brandy City Road, off State Route 49

Project Location - City: Between Goodyears Bar and Camptonville Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project involves the repair of a storm-damaged segment of County Road 490 (Brandy City Road) through roadway realignment and slope stabilization measures. Specifically, the project would include construction of a roadway retreat into the uphill slope, requiring excavation and removal of vegetation, including trees, to accommodate the new road alignment. To address instability on the downhill side, the project would include stabilization of the road sub-grade and underlying rock mass using rock anchors, tiebacks, or similar structural support systems. The project area encompasses approximately 2.89 acres and includes both the storm drainage repair area and a construction equipment staging area. The repair area is approximately 1.91 acres and is located within Sierra County right-of-way on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 004-060-001, where all construction activities would occur. The staging area occupies approximately 0.98 acres in an existing cleared area off Brandy City Road, located northwest of the repair area on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land (APN 004-040- 008). This area would be used solely for equipment staging; no ground disturbance or construction would take place on this parcel. Please see Attachment A for project figures.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra County

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: 15301, 15302, 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project involves the repair of a storm-damaged segment of County Road 490 (Brandy City Road) through roadway realignment and slope stabilization. The work includes retreating the roadway into the uphill slope, which will require excavation and removal of vegetation, including trees, to accommodate the new alignment. Stabilization of the downhill slope will be achieved using structural support systems such as rock anchors or tiebacks to reinforce the road sub-grade and underlying rock mass. Construction activities will incorporate avoidance and minimization measures to avoid disturbance to migratory birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, prevent the spread of invasive plant species, and ensure that no California Spotted Owls, Foothill Yellow-Legged Frogs, or bat species are present in the work area prior to construction. Additionally, a cultural survey determined no historic properties were present in the project area, and any unanticipated cultural resources discovered during ground-disturbing activities will be protected in accordance with applicable regulations. The project will not result in impacts to hazardous materials or scenic resources, and all work will occur within previously disturbed or managed areas, with the designated staging area used solely for equipment storage and no ground disturbance. Therefore, the project will not result in any adverse effects, and there are no exceptions to the exemptions.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Billy Epps Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-289-3201

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: 10/08/2025 Title: Director of Transportation

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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Heather Foster
County Clerk-Recorder

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: 46-10082025-015

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
SIERRA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF		10/08/2025

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER
SIERRA	202500015

PROJECT TITLE

2023 STORM DAMAGED EMBANKMENT SYSTEM AND ROADWAY SHOULDER REPAIR: COUNTY ROAD 490 -

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
SIERRA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF		(530)289-3201

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
101 COURTHOUSE SQUARE	DOWNIEVILLE	CA	95936

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$

☒ Exempt from fee

- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$
☐ County documentary handling fee		$
☐ Other		$

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☒ Other **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ $0.00

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Sierra Folsom, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

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