

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of Humboldt  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street #5  
Eureka, CA 95501

**From:** DOT, Caltrans District 1  
1656 Union Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: HM4-TMS Willow Creek 25/26 (0P780)

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Various locations in Humboldt County along Routes-96, -101 and -299.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to support the systematic overhaul of aging resources by replacing assets which are at the end of their lifecycle, using obsolete technology, or are in poor condition.

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 or adversely impact any historic or cultural resources.

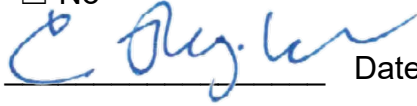
Lead Agency Contact Person: Coady Reynolds

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:      Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: November 3, 2025

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

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