

Notice of Exemption

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

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

Project Title: US-101 Wildlife Fencing and Jump-Outs Project (EA 3X390)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on US-101 in Marin County between post miles 12.4 and 15.3.

Project Location - City: San Rafael, Unincorporated Marin County (Lucas Valley-Marinwood)

Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes installing wildlife fencing and jump-outs at two locations on US-101 in Marin County. The purpose of the project is to enhance wildlife connectivity in the area and reduce the chance of wildlife-vehicle collisions by providing safe passage for animals. The project will discourage wildlife from entering the right of way (ROW) and facilitate their safe exit if they do. The first location of wildlife fencing and jump-outs is on northbound US-101 at post mile 12.4 and the second location is on southbound US-101 from post mile 14.7 to 15.3. Some project elements will occur off the paved roadway. Vegetation removal and clearing and grubbing will be required for construction. All work shall remain within Caltrans ROW and equipment shall be staged within Caltrans ROW in areas absent of vegetation.

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 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: 12/22/25

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.