

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

County Clerk

County of: Humboldt

Project Title: Abbot Mine Curve Improvement

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location—Specific:

Project is located in Lake County on State Route (SR) 20 between postmile (PM) 36.3 and R44.2

Project Location—City: Clearlake Oaks

Project Location—County: Lake

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state and federal funding, is proposing to improve the existing curve radius on State Route (SR) 20 in Lake County from PM 36.3 to R44.2.

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: 15301 Existing Facilities, Class 1c
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consisted of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency

Area Code/Telephone/

Contact Person: Nicole Alber

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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: Julie McFall Date: 01/07/2026 Title: Sr. Env Scientist

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.

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