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: SON-1 Gabion Basket Repair DDO (EA 4X050)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on Highway 1 in Sonoma County at post mile (PM) 22.45, 1.2 mile north of Jenner Sea Lion Rest Place and south of Jenner Headlands Preserve.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Sonoma County (Jenner)

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes repairing a damaged section of an existing gabion basket retaining wall on southbound Highway 1 at post mile (PM) 22.45. The corner of the gabion basket retaining wall was damaged by a car that drove off the roadway. The top two rows of the wall were damaged – about 18 feet in length (one and a half baskets) on the top row and about 12 feet in length (one basket) on the second row. The damaged baskets will be removed, and the rock inside will be set aside to be reused in the new baskets. New gabion baskets of the same size will then be installed. Excavation under the roadway will be required in order to embed the baskets. Geogrid will then be installed on top of the basket and up under the roadway to hold it in place. Vegetation that matches the existing conditions will be placed on top of the geogrid.

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: 1/13/26

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.