

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: SR-128 Rockslide Repair DO (EA 4X570)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on State Route (SR-) 128 in Sonoma County at post mile (PM) 4.859, 0.2 mile south of the intersection between SR-128 and North Cloverdale Boulevard in Cloverdale.

Project Location - City: Cloverdale Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes repairing a rockslide that occurred on SR-128 in Sonoma County at PM 4.859. Severe winter storms caused rockfalls and slip outs due to oversaturation of the slope above the highway. Given the site conditions and continuing slope movement, immediate repair of the slope is necessary before the upcoming winter storm season causes further failure. Two landslides occurred at this location. The first occurred along the eastbound embankment slope and can be described as a shallow cut slope failure that is approximately 70 feet wide by 50 feet long by 3 feet deep. The second is also along the eastbound embankment slope and can be described as a shallow cut slope failure that is approximately 200 feet wide by 50 feet long by 3 feet deep. The Caltrans Office of Geotechnical Design recommends installing an anchored Double Twisted Wire Mesh (DTWM) system to control rockfall at the site. This system will be designed to hold rockfall in place on the slope since there is little to no catchment at the base of the slope. Prior to the installation of the anchored DTWM, the loose material on the slope shall be removed and the brow of the slope shall be graded to match adjacent slopes. Slide materials will be temporarily stockpiled in nearby vehicle pullout areas and will be hauled off and disposed of at a nearby facility. The existing ditch line will also be re-established. Traffic control will be required during construction, as well as construction area signs, portable message signs, and temporary k-rails.

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: 1/22/26

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.