

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of San Mateo

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

Project Title: Highway 1 Montara Vegetation Management DO (EA 4X370)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on State-owned excess parcels on Highway 1 in Montara, San Mateo County, from post mile (PM) 35.7 to 36.9.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated San Mateo County (Montara, Moss Beach)

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes vegetation management activities on State-owned excess land parcels on Highway 1 in San Mateo County from post mile (PM) 35.7 to 36.9. Vegetation management activities on these parcels will involve goats to remove vegetation on the ground, tree removal (includes fallen trees, dead trees, and trees removed to thin areas), stump treatment (grind down and/or herbicide), limbing or delimiting (the process of removing branches from a standing or fallen tree trunk), and tree, brush, and debris removal (includes spreading woodchips and/or removal off-site and discarded). Biological surveys will be conducted prior to work and an arborist will be on-site. Temporary traffic control, a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP), safety plan, and lead compliance plan will all be required. Temporary relocation/de-energization of utilities may be required.

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 15304
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 4 Minor Alterations to Land. 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: 2/19/26

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.