

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 1  
1656 Union St.  
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Ferndale Access Project – Geotechnical Investigation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific: Adjacent to State Route 211 in Humboldt County between post mile R77 and 78.7.

Project Location - City: Fernbridge      Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to develop design recommendations for the alternatives being considered for the rehabilitation or repair of Fernbridge (bridge over the Eel River in Humboldt County). The investigation would include a total of 7 drill locations consisting of 5 soil borings (2 on the river bar and 3 in upland) and 2 piezometers (in upland). Drilling depth would be approximately 300-feet and the size of the boreholes would not exceed 6-inches.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 1

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 1

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: 15306, Information Collection (Class 6)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

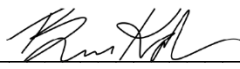
Reasons why project is exempt:

The geotechnical investigation is for data collection and would be conducted on existing roadways or roadway shoulders. The investigation would not result in substantial disturbances to environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Breeanna Kalson      Phone number: 707-672-3593

**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:       Date: 5/26/2026      Title: Environmental Scientist

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.