

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of Alpine

**From:** Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Stockton, Ca 95205

Project Title: Caples Lake HVAC Replacement

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Along State Route (SR) 88 at Postmile (PM) 1.9 in Alpine County.

Project Location - City: Kirkwood                      Project Location - County: Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to replace the HVAC unit at Caples Lake maintenance station with a new functioning unit. The project is needed to restore safe heating and ventilation, ensuring a healthy working environment for Caltrans employees and compliance with safety standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez      Phone number: 209-670-9385

**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: Maria Garcia Lopez Date: 03/11/2026 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.