

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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Napa County Clerk
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Napa, CA 94559

PROJECT TITLE: Partrick Road Rehabilitation Project

PROJECT PERMITS: RDS 24-37

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: Upper portion of Partrick Road from Address 1777 to 2399, Lower portion of Partrick Road from Address 1540 to 1766.

PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): Napa

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Upper Partrick Road Rehabilitation project consists of crack sealing the upper part of the Partrick Road and the Lower Partrick Road Repair is occurring in an area that was overlaid four years ago. The upper portion of Partrick Road will involve three culvert replacements, stitch pile walls to support the roadway, leveling asphalt, bike lanes signs and markings, ditch cleaning, and a full overlay and will involve 0.9 miles of road work. There is a 1,300 foot gap between the lower project and upper project. The lower portion involves chip seal and crack repair, and will cover approximately 1.0 miles of road work. The Project shall incorporate best management practices and no removal of vegetation or trimming of trees are proposed as part of this Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Napa

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: James Reese, Napa County Public Work Department
ADDRESS: 1195 Third Street, Suite 101, Napa, Ca 94559 **PHONE:** (707) 253-8281

EXEMPT STATUS (CHECK ONE):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15268(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQAG) section number:
Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities and Section 15302 Class 2-Replacement or Reconstruction.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

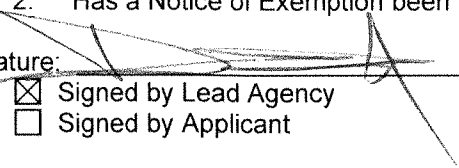
REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Pursuant to Sections 15022(a)(1)(C) and 15300.4 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Napa County Board of Supervisors have adopted implementation procedures, identifying specific projects that would be categorically exempt from established CEQA Guidelines. The proposed improvements would be considered Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 Class 1-Existing Facilities, which includes the operation and repair of existing public or private structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing of former use. The proposed improvements would also be considered Categorical Exempt pursuant to Section 15302, Class 2- Replacement or Reconstruction, which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. A key consideration in the appropriateness of using these Categorical Exemptions is whether the Project would be located on the same site and have substantially the same purpose and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. In terms of negligible expansion, the proposed Projects will take place within the existing roadway footprints or shoulder areas, and do not include significant expansions beyond existing conditions. The proposed Projects would repair existing roads and shoulder areas. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed Projects qualify for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption, and have no reasonable possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The areas proposed for repair and maintenance are not listed on any hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

The proposed improvements would also be in conformity with the adopted Napa County General Plan (June 2008). Improvements proposed for County owned, operated or occupied buildings and facilities are consistent with General Plan Policy AG/LU-29 which allows governmental organizations to operate and use existing structures/facilities, and to expand in size and/or volume, in order to upgrade or modernize facilities to meet public needs. This determination is based on information provided by James Reese of the Napa County Public Works. Should the proposed Projects be modified or new evidence be presented that environmental impacts have not been fully disclosed, this determination would not be valid.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner **PHONE:** (707) 253-4437

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: 

Title: Supervising Planner

Date: 3/27/2026

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: 3/27/2026.



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| To: James Reese, Associate Engineer Department of Public Works | From: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner Conservation Division |
| Date: 3/11/2026 | Re: Partrick Road Rehabilitation Project: RDS 24-37 |

This memo is in response to a request for a determination of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for a proposed road maintenance and repair project located along Partrick Road in the unincorporated area of the County of Napa. The specific road maintenance project proposed is for the following segment of road:

1. RDS 24-37: Partrick Road Upper and Lower

The Upper Partrick Road Rehabilitation project consists of crack sealing the upper part of the Partrick Road and the Lower Partrick Road Repair is occurring in an area that was overlaid four years ago. The upper portion of Partrick Road will involve three culvert replacements, stitch pile walls to support the roadway, leveling asphalt, bike lanes signs and markings, ditch cleaning, and a full overlay and will involve 0.9 miles of road work. There is a 1,300 foot gap between the lower project and upper project. The lower portion involves chip seal and crack repair, and will cover approximately 1.0 mile of road work.

The proposed Project is located in rural Napa County, California, with the sites generally surrounded predominantly by agriculture, and some open space. As indicated by the County of Napa Division of Public Works CEQA Determination Request the Project will generally consist of repairing existing failed roadway areas. The Project shall incorporate best management practices and no removal of vegetation or trimming of trees are proposed as part of this Project.

No Biological Resource Assessment Report was prepared for the project, given the nature of the scope of work proposed, but the Project area was reviewed by PBES utilizing County GIS layers. It should be noted that the Project does not propose any tree or vegetation removal (or trimming) and all work would occur within the existing roadways and shoulder area. The Project site is not located on or near identified USFWS Critical Habitat Areas or sensitive plants or species, except the Upper Partrick Road portion of the Project is located in an area mapped as northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) habitat. To ensure there are no impacts to northern spotted owl the project proposes Best Management Practices, and as noted earlier the project does not propose any tree or vegetation removal. The Project site is not recognized as an important wildlife corridor by any regional or state agency or jurisdiction and, is not considered critical to the ecological functioning of adjoining open space areas – and as noted the project work is occurring in areas that already disturbed and developed, and the work proposed is just repair and maintenance of existing facilities. However, the Project site likely support local movement patterns of terrestrial wildlife species and provides food and cover resources for common avian and potentially northern spotted owl. Temporary effects due to noise and increased human activity during Project

activities should not interfere with these local movement patterns over time or affect the ability of these species to forage or reproduce. As a result, there is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment.

Due to the fact that the work will occur within the existing footprints of the roadways, as well as within the existing shoulder areas, and as no vegetation removal will occur, the Project is not anticipated to impact any known environmentally sensitive area, and its impact on the environment is insignificant. Furthermore, the Project will utilize best management practices and all work will be done in accordance with Napa County Storm Water Program Requirements. There is no reasonable possibility that the projects will have a significant effect on the environment, or damage scenic resources because there will be minimal ground disturbance through the surface treatment of existing public roadways and shoulder areas. The areas proposed for repair and maintenance are not listed on any hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at (707) 253-4437 or by e-mail at dana.morrison@countyofnapa.org.