

## Notice of Exemption

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

**From:** California Department of Transportation- District 3  
703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: American Dark Fiber State Route 20 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project (Encroachment Permit 01-25-6-BB-0187)

Project Applicant: American Dark Fiber, LLC

Project Location - Specific: State Route 20 between post mile (PM) 0.562 and PM 1.781, PM 1.971 and PM 1.996, PM 2.437 and PM 3.772, PM 4.263 and PM 4.336, PM 4.925 and PM 5.010, and PM 6.496 and PM 8.787 in Lake County.

Project Location - City: Saratoga Springs

Project Location - County: Lake

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

American Dark Fiber, LLC, in coordination with the California Department of Technology and the California Department of Transportation, proposes to install broadband infrastructure consisting of aerial strand (steel cable) and fiber optic cable on State Route 20 between post mile (PM) 0.562 and PM 1.781, PM 1.971 and PM 1.996, PM 2.437 and PM 3.772, PM 4.263 and PM 4.336, PM 4.925 and PM 5.010, and PM 6.496 and PM 8.787 in Lake County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation-District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American Dark Fiber, LLC

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: Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dotrik Wilson

Phone number: (530) 821-3054

**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: *Dotrik Wilson*      Date: 4/6/2026      Title: Branch Chief

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.