

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of Sonoma

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

Project Title: US-101 Petaluma Embankment Washout Repair DO (EA 1V090)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on US-101 at post mile 5.5 in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County.

Project Location - City: Petaluma

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes repairing an embankment washout that occurred on US-101 at post mile (PM) 5.5 in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County. The slipout was caused by this winter's storms, which oversaturated the slope. The surface water runoff over the slope has created a few large washouts that range from 10- to 15-foot wide and 2- to 3-foot deep. The embankment has a slope of 1H:1V. The existing ditch at the toe of the slope connected to the drainage inlet was covered by the washout material. Clearing and grubbing of material and vegetation on the slope will be required. The failed embankment slope will be excavated and then reconstructed by backfilling with borrowed material and compacted to 90% relative to compaction with the most recent standard specifications. New side slope protection will be constructed using vegetated concrete block erosion control maps (VCBMs). Bonded fiber matrix, hydromulch, hydroseed, and compost will be placed on the repaired slope. The blocked drainage inlet will be uncovered and reestablished. Traffic control will be required during construction and construction area, detour, and changeable message signs will be temporarily installed prior to construction.

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 15301 Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 Existing Facilities. 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: 4/27/26

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.