

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 1
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Upslope Water Quality Enhancement in Blue Creek Watershed

Project Location - Specific:

T13N, R02E
22, 23, 26, 25, 36
T12N, R03E
06, 08
T13N, R03E
37

Project Location - County: Del Norte and Humboldt County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to improve B100 road conditions and upgrade existing stream crossings throughout the Blue Creek watershed in order to reduce sediment delivery and improve water quality in Blue Creek. The work includes replacing nine stream-crossing culverts and thirty-one ditch-relief culverts along the B100 road system. All culverts will be upsized to accommodate the 100-year storm event. Construction activities will follow the guidelines outlined in the Pacific Watershed Associates Handbook of Forest, Ranch, and Rural Roads.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: Yurok Tribe Watershed Restoration & Roads Department

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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This roadway improvement project would take place on an existing roadway facility and would not have a significant impact on the environment or historic properties.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cassie Nichols

Phone number: 707-798-7557

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: *Cassie Nichols* Date: 05/12/2026 Title: Sr 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.