

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

NAPA COUNTY PLANNING, BUILDING, & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
1195 THIRD STREET, SUITE 210, NAPA, CA 94559

To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
PO Box 0334
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Napa County Clerk
900 Coombs St
Napa, CA 94559

PROJECT TITLE: Deer Park Region Repaving Project, RDS25-02

PROJECT NUMBER: RDS25-02

PROJECT LOCATION - SPECIFIC: The repair work will occur within the Deer Park (Angwin) area of Napa County on sections of existing roads ways, specifically: Deer Park Road, White Cottage Road and College Avenue.

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PROJECT LOCATION – CITY (NEAREST): St Helena

PROJECT LOCATION - COUNTY: Napa

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Over time general wear and tear has damaged the existing roads. This project provides for the rehabilitation of approximately 8.63 miles of roadway in the Deer Park Region. Approximately 4.03 miles of repair work will occur on Deer Park Road, 3.8 miles on White Cottage Road (North and South), and 0.8 miles on College Avenue. The projects will consist of repairing failed pavement by removing (grinding) existing asphalt, application of paving treatment such as overlaying, and new striping to be painted at all existing pavement areas. The project will include clearing and grubbing and tree trimming. However, no removal of trees is anticipated as part of the repair and repaving work. All work will be done in accordance with Napa County’s Storm Water Program requirements and completed during the dry season.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Napa, 1195 Third Street Napa, Ca 94559

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Napa County Public Works Department- C/O Estrella Munos

ADDRESS: 1195 Third Street, Room 101, Napa, Ca 94559

PHONE: 707-299-1647

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, and is further exempt under Appendix B of the Napa County’s Local Procedures for implementing the California Quality Act – Class 1(1)(h) – Existing Facilities, which includes reconstructing, resurfacing and/or seal coating of pavement, paving existing unpaved shoulders, widening the paved roadway by less than 8 feet or adding up to 4 foot wide unpaved shoulders, and modifying to improve existing roadside safety features. 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, have substantially the same purpose and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. In terms of negligible expansion, the proposed project will take place within the existing roadway or shoulder areas and does not include significant expansions beyond existing conditions. The proposed project would repair and improve existing roads – increasing public safety. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption and has no reasonable possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The site of the development is not in an environmentally sensitive area and is not on any of the lists of 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.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Dana Morrison, Supervising Planner, County of Napa 1195 Third Street Napa, Ca
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: _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Title: Supervising Planner

Date: 5/24/2026

Date received for filing at LCI: 5/22/2026



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Brian Bordona
Director

To: Estrella Munoz, Junior Engineer Department of Public Works	From: Dana Morrison, Supervisor Conservation Division
Date: May 20, 2026	Re: Deer Park Region Repaving Project, RDS25-02

This memo is in response to your request for a determination of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines for the proposed repaving of certain road segments located in the Deer Park (Angwin) Region of Napa County California, specifically portions of Deer Park Road, South and North White Cottage Road, and College Avenue.

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CEQA Determination:

Since this a repair project of existing facilities that will not include new disturbance areas, a Biological Reconnaissance Survey and a Cultural Resource Survey will not be prepared for this project. 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, and is further exempt under Appendix B of the Napa County's Local Procedures for implementing the California Quality Act – Class 1(1)(h) – Existing Facilities, which includes reconstructing, resurfacing and/or seal coating of pavement, paving existing unpaved shoulders, widening the paved roadway by less than 8 feet or adding up to 4 foot wide unpaved shoulders, and modifying to improve existing roadside safety features. 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, have substantially the same purpose and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. In terms of negligible expansion, the proposed project will take place within the existing roadway or shoulder areas and does not include significant expansions beyond existing conditions. The proposed project would repair and improve existing roads – increasing public safety. Therefore, it has been determined that the proposed project qualifies for a Class 1 and Class 2 Categorical Exemption and has no reasonable possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. The site of the development is not in an environmentally sensitive area and is not on any of the lists of hazardous waste sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

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This determination is solely based on information provided by the Napa County Public Works, which is attached to this memo. Should the proposed project be modified, or new evidence be presented that environmental impacts have not been fully disclosed, this determination would not be valid.

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