

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Shasta

From: California Department of Transportation
1657 Riverside Dr
Redding, Ca, 96001

Project Title: Elam Safety- Geotechnical

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: The sites are located in Tehama County on State Route 32 between post miles (PM) 21.01/21.20, 23.74/23.80.

Project Location - City: Lyonsville Project Location - County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to perform an exploratory geotechnical investigation to determine subsurface composition for a retaining wall.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: 6
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15306 (Information Collection) Class 6 - Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Madison Pelland

Phone number: (530) 759-3421

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: *Keith Palfrey* Date: 05/29/2026 Title: Supervising 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.