

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit 02-26-6-SE-0260 for the Ironman 70.3 Northern California Triathlon

Project Applicant: World Triathlon Corporation/Ironman

Project Location - Specific: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will issue an encroachment permit (02-26-6-SE-0260) for the sections of the bike course that utilize Caltrans' right of way. The bike course would follow State Route (SR) 299 in Shasta County from Oak Bottom Marina to Rock Creek Road (and cross the highway at Rock Creek Road) and would cross SR 299 between Dry Creek Road and Deschutes Road. The bike course would cross Interstate 5 at the Oasis Road overcrossing and at the Hartnell Avenue overcrossing. The bike course would cross SR 44 at the Airport Road overcrossing and at the Sundial Bridge Drive overcrossing.

Project Location - City: Redding and vicinity Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

World Triathlon Corporation/Ironman is proposing a triathlon race in the Redding area on August 16, 2026. The triathlon race will consist of swimming 1.2 miles, biking 56 miles, and running 13.1 miles. The projected number of participants is approximately between 1,500 and 1,800. The bike course will start at Oak Bottom Marina at Whiskeytown Lake and will finish at the Redding Civic Auditorium. The bike course would utilize Caltrans' right of way at the following locations:

SR 299

- The bike course would follow SR 299 in Shasta County from Oak Bottom Marina to Rock Creek Road and then would cross SR 299 at Rock Creek Road. The eastbound lane of SR 299 would be closed to traffic between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. The westbound lane would handle two-way traffic during this time.

- The bike course would cross SR 299 between Dry Creek Road and Deschutes Road. The westbound lane of SR 299 would be closed to traffic between 7:37 and 10:45 a.m. The eastbound lane of SR 299 would handle two-way traffic during this time.

Interstate 5

- The bike course would cross Interstate 5 at the Oasis Road overcrossing. Both lanes of the Oasis Road overcrossing would be closed to traffic between 7:02 a.m. and 9:29 a.m. The Interstate 5 northbound and southbound offramps at this overcrossing would be closed to traffic during this time.
- The bike course would cross Interstate 5 at the Hartnell Avenue overcrossing. Participants are anticipated to cross this overcrossing between 8:21 a.m. and 12:19 p.m. No lane closures would be needed at this location.

SR 44

- The bike course would cross SR 44 at the Airport Road overcrossing. Both lanes of the Airport Road overcrossing would be closed to traffic between 8:06 a.m. and 11:46 a.m. The SR 44 eastbound and westbound offramps at this overcrossing would be closed to traffic during this time.
- The bike course would cross SR 44 at the Sundial Bridge Drive overcrossing. Participants are anticipated to cross this overcrossing between 8:26 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. No lane closures would be needed at this location.

Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (02-26-6-SE-0260) for the sections of the bike course that utilize Caltrans' right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans (for issuance of encroachment permit)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: World Triathlon Corporation/Ironman

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: Existing Facilities (Section 15301) and Accessory Structures (Section 15311)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Caltrans has also determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15311 (Accessory Structures) Class 11. Class 11 consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to (a) on-premise signs; (b) small parking lots; and (c) placement of seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar items in generally the same locations from time to time in publicly owned parks, stadiums, or other facilities designed for public use.

The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

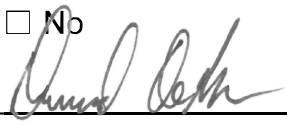
Lead Agency Contact Person: David DeMar

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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:  Date: 6/9/2026 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.