

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 06

2015 East Shields Ave., Suite 100

Fresno, CA 93726

(Address)

Project Title: Rockslide Repair

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

In Fresno County, on State Route 168, between post miles L30.34 and L30.84

Project Location - City: Auberry

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This State funded District Director's Order will install bonded rock anchors into a cracked rock formation on State Route(SR) 168. Geotechnical engineers determined that a portion of the rock face at post mile 30.59 on SR 168 near the westbound lane could fall due to temperature fluctuations. It was recommended that four bonded rock anchors be inserted 9-12 feet deep into the rock face to anchor the unsupported portion of the rock into the more stable underlying rock mass and prevent potential rocks falls on SR 168.

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: Class 1; §15301

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the proposed rock face stabilization on State Route 168 falls under the CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption and will not have significant impacts by incorporating proper and accepted Caltrans standard practices and environmental commitments.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shane Gunn

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-832-0051

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: Shane Gunn Date: 6/18/2026 Title: Senior Env Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____