

Notice of Exemption

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

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: SR-116 Culvert Replacement Project (EA 04-0V180)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on SR-116 in Sonoma County near Sebastopol, from Gilchrist Road at post mile 32.33 to 0.10 mile east of Lone Pine Road at post mile 30.41.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Sonoma County

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes replacing two culverts on State Route (SR-) 116 in Sonoma County near Sebastopol, one at Gilchrist Road (PM 32.33) and one 0.1 mile east of Lone Pine Road (PM 30.41). At Gilchrist Road, the existing drainage system will be removed and replaced with a new drainage inlet (DI), cross culvert, and flared end section at the outlet. The existing 12" corrugated metal pipe (CMP) will be replaced with an 18" corrugated steel pipe (CSP). The 12" culvert located 0.1 mile east of Lone Pine Road will be replaced with a new 12" culvert. Construction equipment will include, but not be limited to, asphalt concrete (AC) trucks, grinders, loaders, pavers, and rollers. One-way traffic control will be implemented during construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 6/26/26

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.