

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: DOT, Caltrans
1656 Union St.
Eureka, CA. 95501

Project Title: Talmage and Pomo MGS

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: On Highway 101 at postmile 28.6 and Hwy 222 at postmile L0.5

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to construct guardrail at two locations, Men-101-28.6 and Men-222-L0.5. Work includes removing the existing guardrail and crash cushions and installing guardrail systems consisting of concrete barrier transitions, transition railing, MGS, terminal systems, and vegetation control (minor concrete). Additional work includes removing and replacing dike, overside drains, and other incidental items. All work is within existing Caltrans Right of Way and the purpose of this project is to improve safety for motorists and to reduce the severity of collisions within the project limits. The traveling public will benefit from this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: DOT, 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: Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, existing facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is maintenance of an existing facility and wouldn't have a significant impact on the environment or historic properties.

Lead Agency Contact Person: James McIntosh

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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: James McIntosh Date: 7-30-2026 Title: Senior Env 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.