

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding CA 96001

Project Title: Big Chico Overlay

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Highway 32

Project Location - City: Chico

Project Location - County: Tehama

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding, is proposing to perform a 0.10' overlay with isolated digouts. Pavement mill and fill will occur at begin and end conforms. Guardrail will be removed and replaced as needed and shoulders will be backed to standard. All work will be performed within the existing roadway prism and no work will be performed on bridge decks. There will be no increase in disturbed soil area or impervious surface. This project will also include traffic stripe placement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 2

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 2

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: 15301 Class (C)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project has no potential to result in significant effects to the environment. The project consists of the repair and maintenance of an existing public highway and does not include an expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: _____

Phone number: _____

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: Stephanie Houtman Date: 09/04/2026 Title: Senior Scientist, 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.