

Notice of Exemption

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County of Nevada
950 Maidu Ave
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From: California Department of Transportation
703 B Street
Marysville, CA, 95901

Project Title: Honeysuckle 2, EA 03-4G320, EFIS 0326000217

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on State Route 174 in Nevada County between post miles (PM) 8.7 and 9.7.

Project Location - City: Grass Valley Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a culvert replacement project along State Route 174 in Nevada County, between post miles (PM) 8.7 and 9.7. The work includes replacing existing culverts and a drainage inlet (DI), installing flared end sections and replacing rock slope protection. Additional activities include clearing and grubbing, limited excavation, backfilling, and relocating a speed limit sign and an address sign. Traffic control will be required throughout construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

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:

The operation repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topological features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination under CEQA Section 15301- Existing facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Obaida Akther

Phone number: (530) 812-3325

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: Veronica Wilson Date: 08/10/2026 Title: M1 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.

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