

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation- District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Arcadian Interstate 80 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project
(Encroachment Permit 03-25-6-BB-0301)

Project Applicant: Arcadian

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 80 (I-80) between post mile (PM) 43.2 and PM 50.8 in Placer County

Project Location - City: Nevada City Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Arcadian, in coordination with the California Department of Technology and the California Department of Transportation, proposes to install underground broadband infrastructure consisting of conduit, fiber optic cable, vaults, and markers on I-80 between PM 43.2 and PM 50.8 in Placer County.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Arcadian

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dotrik Wilson

Phone number: (530) 821-3054

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: *Dotrik Wilson* Date: 8/11/2026 Title: 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.