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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Low Gap Road at Milepost 19.24 Culvert Replacement

Project Locations: Low Gap Road, CR 212, Milepost 19.24, unincorporated Ukiah, Mendocino County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The existing culvert and road prism at Low Gap Road, milepost 19.24, has been damaged by heavy rains, surface saturation, and mudslides. The project will replace the failed pipe with a larger culvert designed to convey peak flows for the 100-year storm event and realign the new pipe to match the natural channel alignment. Compacted fill will be installed at the outlet embankment to restore the shoulder, rock slope protection will be keyed into the gully that has formed at the outlet to stabilize it, and an energy dissipator will be installed at the outlet to protect the streambed from erosive flows.

Construction will occur during the dry season when the project stream is dry. Heavy equipment will operate primarily from the roadway and shoulders. Appropriate water quality, biological resource, and erosion control measures will be implemented.

Beneficiaries of the project are the traveling public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Mendocino Department of Transportation

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Mendocino Department of Transportation

Exempt Status: (check one)

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| ☐ | Ministerial | [\$15268] |
| ☐ | Declared Emergency | [\$21080(b)(3); 15269(a)] |
| ☐ | Emergency Project | [\$21080(b)(4); 15269(b) and (c)] |
| ☒ | Categorical Exemption | §15301 |

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Section 15301, provides a categorical exemption for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project consists of repair and stabilization of an existing culvert outlet and roadway embankment within an existing transportation corridor and will not expand the capacity or use of the existing roadway or culvert crossing.

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