

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2

1657 Riverside Drive

Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: Buena Lighting Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The site is located on SR 273, post mile 14.47 TO 14.77, Shasta County

Project Location - City: City of Redding Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using Federal and State funding, is proposing to install highway safety lighting on SR 273 to improve nighttime visibility for all users. The limits of work occur between post mile (PM) 14.47 and 14.77.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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: 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Class 3—Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jana Marquardt Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 720-4398

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: Jana Marquardt Date: 09/02/2026 Title: Senior Env. Scientist

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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