Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit 02-26-6-UJ-0388 for Cal-Ore Telephone's 2026 E ACAM Project on State Route 97 in Siskiyou County at Post Mile 44.642

Project Applicant: Cal-Ore Telephone

Project Location - Specific: State Route 97 in Siskiyou County at post mile 44.642

Project Location - City: near Dorris and Macdoel

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Cal-Ore Telephone proposes to install approximately 140 linear feet of fiber optic cable in a 1.25-inch diameter conduit within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right of way across (under) State Route 97 in Siskiyou County at post mile 44.642 near Dorris and Macdoel. The fiber optic would be installed at a minimum depth of 48 inches below ground via horizontal direction drilling (HDD) and would provide improved communications service to the Butte Valley Airport. A bore pit would also be excavated within Caltrans' right of way to facilitate installation. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (02-26-6-UJ-0388) for the proposed work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans (for issuance of encroachment permit)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Cal-Ore Telephone

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: Minor Alterations to Land (Section 15304)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Class 4. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

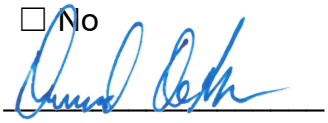
- (f) – Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David DeMar Phone number: (530) 759-3406

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:  Date: 9/21/2026 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.