

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Middletown North Safety - Geotechnical Drilling

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Route 29 Between Post Miles 7.40 and 8.90

Project Location - City: Vicinity of Middletown Project Location - County: Lake

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes two rotary wash borings and five percolation geotechnical test borings to gather data necessary for completing the design for the Middletown North Safety Project. This work will all be within Caltrans right-of-way on pavement.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves minor alterations, which do not involve significantly impacting environmental resources. It does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law. There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time. There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway. This project is not located on a site included

on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List"). This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Tyler Brown

Phone number: (707) 684-6074

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: *Tyler Brown* Date: 9/29/2026 Title: Environmental Coordinator

☒ 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.