Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: DOT, Caltrans
1656 Union St.
Eureka, CA. 95501

Project Title: MEN 162 Drainage Repair

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 162 between postmiles 15.0 and 24.0

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes the repair, replacement, and reconstruction of failed or failing drainage systems at 9 locations on Route 162 between PM 5.63 and PM 27.23. All culvert repairs and replacements will be in-kind. All work is within the Caltrans Right of Way. The project is necessary to preserve the integrity of the roadway, and the traveling public will benefit from this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: DOT, Caltrans

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: Class 1, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Existing Facilities.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
This is maintenance of an existing facility and wouldn't have a significant impact on the environment or historic properties.

Lead Agency Contact Person: James McIntosh Phone number: 707-502-8041

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: James Mcintosh Date: 10-6-2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ 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.