

Notice of Exemption

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County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
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From: California Department of Transportation-District 12
1750 E. 4th Street, Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: Crystal Cove Coastal Access Preservation Project

Project Applicant: CA Department of Transportation – District 12

Project Location - Specific: State Route 1 at Crystal Cove State Park

Project Location - City: Laguna Beach Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This is an emergency project on State Route 1 adjacent to Crystal Cove State Park. Currently the slope and roadway are being compromised due to erosion caused by increasing wave energy and storm surges relating to Super El Nino storm events. The project will provide temporary slope and roadway stabilization measures along with temporary energy dispersing devices to prevent further erosion of the slope and possible failure of the roadway. This project falls under the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation dated September 21, 2026.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA 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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: (a)(1) Emergency Project

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project falls under the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation dated September 21, 2026.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alben Phung

Phone number: 949-279-8715

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: 10/15/2026 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.