Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: California Department of Transportation- District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: American Dark Fiber State Route 20, 29, 53 & 175 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project (Encroachment Permit 01-25-6-BB-0210)

Project Applicant: American Dark Fiber, LLC

Project Location - Specific: State Route (SR) 20 between post mile (PM) 31.546 to PM 31.598, SR 29 at PM 5.802 and between PM 5.977 to PM 5.999, PM R9.838 to R9.878, and PM 11.087 to 20.267, SR 53 between PM 0.036 to PM 7.394, and SR 175 between PM 28.002 to 28.035 in Lake County.

Project Location - City: Clearlake Project Location - County: Lake

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
American Dark Fiber, LLC (ADF), in coordination with the California Department of Technology and the California Department of Transportation, proposes to install broadband infrastructure consisting of conduit, fiber optic cable, vaults, and markers on SR 20 between PM 31.546 to PM 31.598, SR 29 at PM 5.802 and between PM 5.977 to PM 5.999, PM R9.838 to R9.878, and PM 11.087 to 20.267, SR 53 between PM 0.036 to PM 7.394, and SR 175 between PM 28.002 to 28.035 in Lake County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation-District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American Dark Fiber, LLC

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: Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dotrik Wilson Phone number: (530) 821-3054

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: Dotrik Wilson Date: 10/26/2026 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.