Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Shasta

Project Title: McCloud Chain-on

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: 02-SIS-89 PM 23.5/23.7

Project Location - City: McCloud Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding, is proposing to add seven lights to the chain-on area on State Route (SR) 89 at post miles (PM) 23.6/24.2.

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: Existing Facilities, Section 15301, Class 1c
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Caltrans has determined that this project would have negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, and would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Julie McFall Phone number: (530) 812-4878

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: Julie McFall Date: 11/23/2026

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.

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