

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 1  
1656 Union Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Project Title: Albion River Bridge Project – Geotechnical Investigation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific State Route 1 in Mendocino County between post mile 43.3 and 44.2

Project Location - City: Albion

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This geotechnical investigation is necessary to characterize the foundation materials and collect soil/rock samples at or near the proposed replacement bridge foundations retaining walls, and new culvert location to provide recommendations for the design of the new structures for the Albion River Bridge Project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 1

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 1

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: 15306, Information Collection (Class 6)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The geotechnical investigation is for data collection and would be conducted on existing roadways or roadway shoulders. The investigation would not result in substantial disturbances to environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kellie Eldridge

Phone number: (707) 815-6995

**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: *Kellie Eldridge*    Date: 3/25/2026    Title: 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.