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## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

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

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Public Agency): CA Department of Transportation  
North Region Environmental Management  
1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501

(Address)

Project Title: Geotechnical Drilling for Willow Creek Widen and Rumble Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

Highway 299, Humboldt County, post miles 34.6-37.7

Project Location - City: near Willow Creek, CA Project Location - County: Humboldt County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to complete a geotechnical investigation to support the design and installation of two mechanically stabilized earth embankments (MSE) on State Route (SR) 299 between post miles 34.6 and 37.7 for Caltrans project 01-0F470. All borings are located w/i the existing fills and will be drilled from the roadway.

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: Class 6
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because there is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances, it does not damage a scenic resource, it is not located on the "Cortese List", there will not be significant adverse impact on endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat, and it does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of historical resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Laurel Osborn

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-441-4599

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: Laurel Osborn Date: 4/10/19 Title: Assoc. Env. Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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