

Notice of Exemption

2018032066

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency):
CA Department of Transportation
500 S. Main Street, Bishop CA 93514
(Address)

Project Title: North Sherwin Shoulders

Project Applicant: CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

Dirt pullout on southbound US 395, in Mono County, postmile 9.1, between Toms Place and Bishop, CA.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
In support of the North Sherwin Shoulders widening project, Caltrans will determine subsurface soil conditions for retaining walls through Geotechnical drilling. Two bore holes are expected in an existing dirt pullout, each approximately 4" in diameter.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 (c)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Geotechnical borings will occur in an existing dirt pullout within the highway facility. The 4" bore holes constitute a minor alteration to the existing facility, with no expansion of its existing use. The shoulder widening project itself was approved in August 2018 with an MND/FONSI (SCH# 2018032066). Environmental resources were evaluated at the bore locations and no potentially-significant impacts are anticipated.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bradley Bowers Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-872-2331

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: [Signature] Date: 4/17/2019 Title: Environmental Coordinator

[X] 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.

Date Received for filing at OPFH: [Signature]

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