

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**Project Title:** Blue Lake Widen and Rumble Project

SCH # 2019038600

**Project Location - Specific:** State Route 299, PM 20.60 - 29.23

**Project Location - City:** Blue Lake, CA

**Project Location - County:** Humboldt

**Description of Project:** The primary purpose of this Caltrans Project is to widen the road at four locations between the unincorporated communities of Blue Lake and Willow Creek in Humboldt County to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions by widening shoulders to provide additional recovery space for motorists and create a more traversable shoulder for bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Name of Public Responsible Agency Approving Project:** North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Lead Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1): (5268):
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21 080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. section: 15301 Existing Facilities, Class 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions, State code number: 15269 (d)

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project will improve public safety on an existing public highway. The project will not result in an expansion of existing facilities.

**Responsible Agency Contact:** Susan Stewart    **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 707-576-2657

**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


 Digitally signed by Jonathan Warmerdam  
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthias St. John

**Date:** 5/14/2020

**Title:** Executive Officer

- Signed by Responsible Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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