Notice of Exemption

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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044			
County Clerk County of:			
Project Title: Polar Star Creek Slide, 05-1	M170/0519000077		
Project Applicant: Caltrans			
Project Location - Specific:			
San Luis Obispo, Highway 1, PM 71.7			
Project Location - City: Big Sur Coast	Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo		
Pavement distress caused by erosion of over-			
Name of Public Agency Approving Project:	Caltrans		
	oject: Caltrans		
Exempt Status: (check one):			
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268			
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b) Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)) 			
	and section number:		
Statutory Exemptions. State code nu	umber: 15269 c		
Reasons why project is exempt: The project will not have a significant effect of resource, and will not be a significant cumula	on the environment, does not damage a scenic or historical ative effect.		
Lead Agency Contact Person: Allison Donatello	Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-542-4685		
If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption			
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been tiled	by the public agency approving the project? □ Yes INO		
Signature:	Date: 7/2/19 Title: Assoc. Env. Planner		
⊠ Signed by Lead Agency □ Sign	ed by Applicant		
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Res Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Publ			
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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

05-SLO-1		05-1M170/0519000077		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (E	Briefly describe project inclu	iding need, purpose, loc	ation, limits, right-of-way require	ments, and activities
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POLAR STAR CREEK SLIDE, BIG S Pavement distress caused by erosio				hench on both sides
of the canyon cut by Polar Star Cree				
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Not Applicable – Caltrans is n	not the CEQA Lead Agenc		le – Caltrans has prepared an pact Report under CEQA	initial Study or
Based on an examination of this prop	posal, supporting information			
Exempt by Statute. (PRC 2108	80[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et sec	ı.)		
Categorically Exempt. (PRC 2				
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			e projects of the same type in th	e same place, over
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	e possibility that the project	will have a significant e	ffect on the environment due to u	inusual
circumstances.This project does not dan	nage a scenic resource with	nin an officially designat	ed state scenic highway	
			o Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortes	e List").
This project does not cau		-		
			ut it can be seen with certainty th	at there is no
possibility that the activity may l	have a significant effect on	the environment (14 CC	R 15061[b][3].)	
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Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

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	Continuation Sheet	
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Avoldance and Minimization Efforts:

Standard best management practices from Caltrans Standard Specifications 2015 shall be followed. Construction staging, material storage, and layout areas shall be limited to existing pullouts and previously paved areas only. The following avoidance and minimization measures will protect nesting bird species and special-status species that may be present in or near the project impact area:

- 1. Nesting Birds: To comply with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and CDFG Code Sections 3503 and 3603.6, construction will occur between September 15 and February 15, to the extent possible, to avoid impacts to nesting birds. If construction is proposed for the breeding season, contact District 5 Biologist Barrett Holland (806-549-3573) to arrange a preconstruction survey at least two weeks prior to project start. If nesting activity is detected, Caltrans will, if possible, establish a buffer around the nest(s). The buffer will be maintained and construction activities will avoid nest sites until the biologist determines that the young have fledged or nesting activity has ceased. Typical buffers for nests include 250 feet for passerines and 600 feet for raptors.
- Storage Areas: Material and equipment storage is restricted to existing unvegetated pull-outs and paved areas in the State right-ofway and not within the drip-line of oak trees and outside of the riparian corridor. Storage areas proposed by the contractor that are outside of the right-of-way shall be reviewed in advance by District 5 Biologist Barrett Holland (805-549-3573).
- 3. Aquatic Resources: Measures shall be taken to avoid direct and indirect impacts to waterways and riparian habitat.
 - a. No work within drainages, streams or riparian zones shall occur.
 - b. Standard best management practices shall be enacted to ensure that sediment and run-off do not occur.
 - c. Vehicles and equipment shall be checked and maintained daily, to prevent leaks of materials that if introduced to water could be deleterious to aquatic life.
 - d. Vehicles and Equipment shall be refueled at least 100 feet from the drainages within the project area. All refueling and equipment maintenance should be conducted away from waterbodies to avoid accidental contamination.
- 4. Invasive Species: To reduce the spread of invasive non-native plant species, Caltrans will implement the following protection measures to comply with Executive Order (EO) 13112:
 - a. Invasive plants are known on the project site, therefore any plant materials removed during construction will be contained and treated as trash and disposed of in a permitted landfill.