

Notice of Exemption

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From: North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Project Title: CDOT Calpella Bridge 2 Replacement, Geotechnical Drilling Project,

Project Location - Specific: State Route 20, Post mile 33.4 - 34.2

Project Location - City: Redwood Valley

Project Location - County: Mendocino County

Description of Project: Caltrans is proposing a geotechnical investigative drilling operation in and adjacent to the Russian River at State Route 20 in order to obtain subsurface information that would inform design for replacement of the Calpella Bridge. Drilling would be conducted at eight (8) locations in the vicinity of the future bridge abutments. The proposed soil and rock borings would be between 4 to 6-inches in diameter and would be drilled to approximate depths of 50 to 150-feet. A 5.5-inch diameter steel casing may be used at the top of the boring hole to secure drilling fluid circulation. The drilling fluids shall be contained and recirculated through a closed system—drilling fluids and products shall be fully recovered in a mud tank before being transferred to 55- gallon steel drums for disposal. The boreholes would be backfilled with cement grout and/or bentonite.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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 15306: Information Collecting
Statutory Exemptions; State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves basic data collection with minor alterations to land and vegetation which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency Contact: Susan Stewart

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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 Matthias St.John
Date: 2019.08.02 13:51:06

Signature: Matthias St. John Date: August 2, 2019 Title: Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR:

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