

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Lighthouse Road Emergency Project

Project Location - Specific: Lighthouse Road, PM 3.5

Project Location - City: Petrolia

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Project: Severe storms during the winter months of 2019 caused substantial damage to Humboldt County roads and drainage facilities. Due to the severity of damage caused by these storms, the County proclaimed a local emergency which was followed by both State and Federal declarations. At the subject location, heavy rains caused the Mattole River to swell and proceed in a southerly direction, scouring acres of embankment and damaging Lighthouse Road. Damage to the roadway and embankment is roughly 750 feet in length, with 250 feet of actual roadway being affected and lost. The roadway through this section is down to one lane. The overall project is being divided into Phase 1 (emergency repair) and Phase 2 (permanent restoration and roadway protection). This certification relates to Phase 1 work only.

The technique for constructing the bioengineering treatment involves the placement of large rock within the toe trench, then backfill of gravel material roughly 1-ft thick, then placement of willow mats, then an additional 1-ft of gravel material, then placement of smaller rock, and so on. This layer technique continues until the proper height is achieved and roadway can be restored. Design plans show that there should be 2-3 layers of willow mats with willow stakes and container plants on the uppermost layer. The methodology to the construction process is to move in 25-50-foot linear sections - with the heavy equipment digging or placing rock and the willow mats/plantings coming in behind. This process continues slowly linearly up and down the river.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Humboldt County Public Works Department

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301 - Existing Facilities (c) and (d).
Statutory Exemptions, State code number: 15269 (d)

Lead Agency Contact: Brandon Stevens

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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

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Date: 9/25/2019 Title: Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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