

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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Project Title: Hearn Avenue Interchange Project

Project Location - Specific: State Route 101

Project Location - City: Santa Rosa

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Project: The Project will reconstruct the two-lane Hearn Avenue overcrossing (one lane in each direction) in the same location and along generally the same alignment as the existing structure. The new overcrossing would have four through lanes (two lanes in each direction) and a raised center median that will accommodate left-turn lanes at the adjacent intersections. Sidewalks and striped bike lanes will be added on Hearn Avenue between Corby Avenue and Santa Rosa Avenue. The overcrossing profile will be raised to increase the vertical clearance from the nonstandard 15 feet, 2 inches (as signed on the existing overcrossing) to meet the current Caltrans required standard of 16 feet, 6 inches. On the west side of US 101, the Project will incorporate improvements to the southbound US 101 off-ramp, including pavement widening and striping to alleviate congestion. Additional turning lanes are proposed from the southbound US 101 off-ramp to Corby Avenue and on northbound Corby Avenue between the southbound US 101 ramps and Hearn Avenue. The Project will not change the alignment or operations of US 101, the southbound US 101 on-ramp or the northbound US 101 ramps.

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, State type and section number: 15301 - Existing Facilities (f).
- Statutory Exemptions, State code number: 15269 (d)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project will not result in an expansion of existing facilities.

Agency Contact: Brandon Stevens

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-576-2377

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
Date: 2019.12.11 13:47:23 -08'00'

Signature: _____
Matthias St. John

Date: 12/11/2019 **Title:** Executive Officer

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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