

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
855 M Street, Suite 200  
Fresno CA 93721

Project Title: Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement Geotech Drilling

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed site is located on the off-ramp of Cottonwood Creek Bridge on northbound State Route 99 in Madera County.

Project Location - City: Madera Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project provides a geotechnical investigation to evaluate subsurface conditions at the Cottonwood Creek Bridge by proposing to drill one boring on the off-ramp of northbound State Route 99, near exit 151. The investigation is needed to verify ground conditions for the proposed cast-in-shell steel pile design and installation during the bridge construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

Exempt Status (check one): \_\_\_\_\_

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Information Collection Class 6
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

The proposed work will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Som Phongsavanh Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6447

**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

Signature:  Date: 10/13/2020 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_