

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: Inyo

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 9
500 South Main St
Bishop, CA 93514

(Address)

Project Title: Suddenlink Underground Fiber, Bishop

Project Applicant: Suddenlink Communications

Project Location - Specific:
In Inyo County on US Highway 395 just south of the City of Bishop. New underground utility will be located in the US 395 northbound dirt shoulder from Gus Cashbaugh Ln to approximately 1,120 feet south.

Project Location - City: Bishop Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Suddenlink Communications is requesting a highway encroachment permit to install internet fiber in the State's right-of-way where other existing underground utilities are located. Installation and trenching will be a minimum of 42 inches below the existing ground surface. All trenches will be backfilled.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 9

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Suddenlink Communications

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15304. Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
After a review of the proposed work and project location it has been determined that no known environmental resources will be impacted by the project. All trenches will be backfilled to match adjacent ground elevations.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Benjamin Downard Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-872-0657

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? [X] Yes [ ] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 4/6/2020 Title: Associate Env. Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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