

**Notice of Exemption**

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Title:** EPIMS-HUM-29738-R1C Geotechnical Exploration for the Eel River Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project (EA 01-0A111)

**Project Location:** The project is located in Humboldt County, on State Route (SR) State Route 101, between post mile (PM) 53.8 - 54.3 on the Eel River within the vicinity of the north and south bound Eel River bridges. The location is immediately northwest of the town of Rio Dell at approximately Lat/Long 40.509579/-124.123469.

**Project Description:** The purpose of the project is to perform geotechnical exploration to characterize subsurface conditions for the Eel River Bridge seismic retrofit project and aid in the design and construction of a new bridge and retaining wall. Dewatering is not anticipated but may be needed if conditions require. The contractor would be required to prepare and submit a Construction Site Dewatering/Diversion Plan and Aquatic Species Relocation Plan prior to any dewatering.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

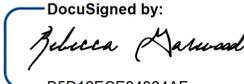
**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** California Department of Transportation

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The project is a geotechnical exploration for a pending Eel River Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project. There would be no significant adverse impact on endangered, threatened, or rare species or their habitat pursuant to §15065. There are no hazardous materials at or around the project site that may be disturbed or removed. The project will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

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