

## **10 | Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion (CE/ CE) and Notice of Exemption (NOE) (March 2020)**





**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**  
**Continuation Sheet**

<b>01-MEN-01</b> District-County-Route	<b>59.8-62.1</b> P.M./P.M.	<b>01-0B220</b> E.A/Project No.	-- Federal-Aid Project Number.
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**The following environmental protection measures will be included as part of the proposed project:**

**Biology:**

Impacts to biological resources would be minimized by incorporating the following standard measures:

- Equipment would be inspected daily for leaks and completely cleaned of any external petroleum products, hydraulic fluid, coolants, and other deleterious materials prior to operating equipment.
- Measures will be in place to prevent construction equipment effluents from contaminating soil or waters in the construction site, such as absorbent pads.
- Maintenance and fueling of construction equipment and vehicles would occur at least 50 feet away from the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of surface water or the edge of sensitive habitats (e.g., wetlands).
- The contractor would be required to develop and implement site-specific BMPs and emergency spill controls.
- Water in contact with setting concrete would be pumped into a tank truck and disposed at an approved disposal site or settling basin.
- All unused material from the project would be disposed off-site. The Caltrans Resident Engineer would be responsible for ensuring all requirements for disposal of material are met by the contractor.
- If bird nests are found incidentally, buffer areas would be established around active nests with input from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Construction activities that may potentially disturb birds would not occur within the buffer area. The buffer areas would be marked as environmentally sensitive and nests would be monitored for disturbance behaviors by a qualified biologist.

**Water Quality:**

Impacts to water quality would be minimized complying with the Construction General Permit (CGP), preparing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.

**Visual:**

Impacts to visual resources would be minimized by incorporating the following measures:

- Matching the color of any reconstructed sidewalk to the existing adjacent sidewalk.
- Matching the color of new truncated domes to others used in the City and on State Route 1 in Fort Bragg.
- Consider replanting areas of disturbance where plants were removed due construction activities.
- Consider including context-sensitive architectural design on the wall to enhance visual character of the area.

Notice of Exemption

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

From: (Public Agency): CA Department of Transportation
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: Fort Bragg ADA (EA: 01-0B220/01 1200 0110)

Project Applicant: CA Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

City of Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, between Post Miles 59.8 and 62.1.

Project Location - City: Fort Bragg

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project would upgrade a section of State Route (SR) 1 to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards from Post Mile (PM) 59.8 through 62.1 in Mendocino County. The proposed scope of work would include installing a retaining wall, reconstructing and/or constructing curb ramps, new sidewalk, drainage inlets, culverts, and pavement markings at specified locations along SR 1. This project is proposed to address ADA deficiencies within project limits. The project is needed to comply with the 2010 ADA lawsuit settlement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA 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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1(c) - Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This proposed project is exempt under Class 1(c) - Existing Facilities; which identifies existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purposes of public safety) as exempt under CEQA. The proposed project would take place on an already existing highway and would be conducted to comply with a 2010 ADA lawsuit settlement.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Gagnon Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 441-5649

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: Jennifer Gagnon Date: 3/18/2020 Title: Associate Env. Planner

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.

Date Received for filing at OPR: MAR 20 2020

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