



HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CEQA EXEMPTION DETERMINATION FORM

Project Title: Public Works Measure O – Emergency Culvert Repair – Dows Prairie Road PM 2.68

Project Location - Specific: This Measure O – 2026 project consists of emergency repair on a failed culvert at Post Mile 2.68 on Dows Prairie Road (4M220)

GPS Coordinates: Latitude 40.998940°N

Longitude -124.100603°W

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Public Works Measure O – 2026 Emergency Culvert Repair project consists of replacing a failed culvert on Dows Prairie Road (4M220) at Post Mile 2.68. Past winter storm events caused the 18-inch-diameter culvert at this location to become overwhelmed and fail. The culvert is completely blocked and is causing upstream flooding on private property. Currently, Public Works has an emergency diversion pump running 24/7 to minimize the flooding and the current emergency plan is to replace the culvert with a new 60-inch-diameter reinforced concrete culvert for better capacity and debris movement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Humboldt County Department of Public Works

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Humboldt County Department of Public Works

Exempt Status: *Categorical Exemption:*

Section: 15301; 15269

Type: Existing Facilities; Emergency Projects

Reason why project is exempt:

The Measure O – 2026 project mentioned herein falls under Categorical Exemption Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Statutory Exemption 15269 (Emergency Projects) under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and 15269. This exemption applies to projects that are existing facilities and in need of emergency repair or replacement. existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose as the structure replaced. Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures on the same site with the same purpose is appropriate for existing facilities maintained by the Public Works Department. There are no unusual circumstances or historical resources that would make this exemption inapplicable.

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NOTE: The purpose of the CEQA Determination Form is to document the Department's decision that a project is exempt from further CEQA review. Forms are maintained in the Department's internal files. Filing a Notice of Exemption with the county clerk is optional and not required (CEQA Guidelines 15062). The only effect of filing a Notice of Exemption is to shorten the statute of limitations period on legal challenges regarding the decision that the project is exempt from further CEQA review, from 180 days to 35 days. For typical projects, Public Works does not file a Notice of Exemption.