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ERIC ROOD ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
950 MAIDU AVENUE  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** February 24, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Clearance for the Cooper Road Improvement Project

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

This project proposes approximately one mile of minor shoulder widening and related drainage improvements along Cooper Road, approximately from Blue Tent School Road to Calcite Court. This is a winding narrow roadway with narrow to no shoulders. The project will address roadway safety by widening shoulders to improve sight visibility, improving roadway drainage, and surfacing the graveled segment with a double chip seal surface. The remainder of the segment will also receive surface improvements as needed. The project will include minor cuts and fills. Roadside vegetation and trees will be removed in order to provide improved fuel management; however, these activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. Right-of-way is required for this project and is in the process of being acquired.

This Department has reviewed the project as to compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has identified the project as a Class 1 and Class 4 project. Class 1 projects consist of repair or minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of use and Class 4 projects consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Therefore, the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA, per Section 15301 (c) and 15304 (h) of the State CEQA Guidelines. A Notice of Exemption has been prepared for the project and upon approval by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, will be filed with the Nevada County Clerk's Office.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

STEVE CASTLEBERRY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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