

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:

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
855 M St. Suite 200
Fresno CA 93721

Project Title: SR 65 & 190 I/C ROADSIDE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On State Routes 65 and 190 in the city of Porterville. From Linda Vista Ave to just south of the SR 190/65 Interchange on SR 65, and From the SR 65/190 Interchange to the Blue Heron Pkwy.

Project Location - City: Porterville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to improve safety for maintenance workers and the traveling public by constructing features including maintenance vehicle pullouts, gore paving, drainage improvements, fencing, and relocation of pullboxes and controller cabinets. A drainage inlet for the east-bound West Olive Avenue is proposed between State Route (SR) 65 south-bound on-ramp and the SR 65 bridge. On the south side of Henderson Ave. between the western Right-of-Way (ROW) fence and SR 65 south-bound on-ramp, hydraulics proposes a depression filled with rock and covered with river rock. The depression would be excavated 3 feet deep.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California 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: 1 (c), PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

This project have minor work within the already disturbed right-of-way of freeway and expressway. No work will be done at night, and no work will be done in creeks or rivers.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: G. William "Trais" Norris Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 445-6447

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: [Signature] Date: 4/5/2019 Title: Senior Environmental Planner
[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet

06-TUL-65/190	17.5/22,15.0/18.5	06-0U730	0616000028
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

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Avoidance and minimization

Biology

- No work shall occur outside of Caltrans Right-Of-Way
- Migratory nesting bird surveys shall be conducted within 14 days prior to any ground disturbance
- If nesting birds are observed within the project limits, a buffer of 100 feet will be used for passerines (song birds), a 250-foot buffer will be used for raptors, and a 600-foot buffer will be used for Swainson's hawk
- No night work will occur
- No k-rail will be used
- No work in any creeks or rivers

Noise

-Standard Specification Section 14-8.02-Noise Control

Water Quality

-Standard Specification Section 13.1- Water Pollution