

Notice of Exemption

2019048252

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

703 B Street

Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Kingvale to Soda Springs Concrete Gutter Repair (03-4H110)Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located on Interstate Highway 80 (I-80) in Placer County between post miles (PM) 63.0 to 69.7 and Nevada County between PM 0.0 to 3.0.

Project Location - City: Kingvale / Soda Springs Project Location - County: Placer / Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to permanently repair the shoulder damage on I-80. The purpose of this project is to repair and add resilience to the existing AC gutters that have been damaged due to snow plow activities and erosion due to melting snow and to prevent roadway damage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CaltransName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because this is a maintenance project for an existing highway facility and does not have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erin DwyerArea Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4538

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: 4/8/19 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner☒ 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 Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

APR 11 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-VAR-80	VAR	03-4H110	0318000177
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a project to permanently repair the shoulder damage within the Caltrans Right-of-Way on Interstate Highway 80 (I-80) in Placer County between Post Miles (PM) R62.9 to 69.7 and in Nevada County between PM 0.0 to R3.0. The purpose of this project is to repair and add resilience to the existing shoulders and embankments, to minimize future maintenance repair and prevent further damage to the existing roadway caused by erosion due to melting snow and snow plow activities.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency ☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:


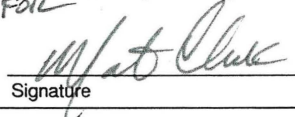
☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1** . (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

☐ **Common Sense Exemption.** [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]

<p>Erin Dwyer</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p> 4/8/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Benjamin Hargrove</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p> 4/8/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>
--	---

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

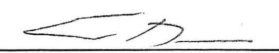
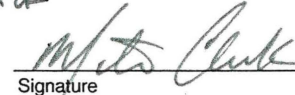
☒ **23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☒ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(26)**

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()**

☐ **Activity** _____ **listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

<p>Erin Dwyer</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p> 4/10/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Benjamin Hargrove</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p> 4/8/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>
---	--

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 1/29/2019 Date of ECR or equivalent : 1/30/2019

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

03-VAR-80	VAR	03-4H110	0318000177
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

Continued from page 1:

Scope of work:
The project proposes to permanently repair the damaged shoulder within the Caltrans Right-of-Way on I-80 in Placer and Nevada Counties.

Staging

- 6 existing pullouts and shoulders were identified as staging areas in the current project plan, which are within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

- The project is expecting to generate approximately 10,000 CY of excess material, which will to be relinquished to the contractor for disposal. No borrow would be required.

Right-of-Way

- All work will occur within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Consultation/Coordination

- No Consultation/Coordination is required.

Permits

- No environmental permits will be required.