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Notice of Exemption

To:

Appendix E

	nning and Research From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06				3
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113		855 M Street	Suite 200		
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044		Fresno	CA	93721	
County Clerk					
County of:					
Project Title: ROUTE 46 CONV/EXWY SEGMENT 4b -	- Subsui	face Investiga	ation		
Project Applicant: California Department of Transporta	ition	***************************************		***************************************	
Project Location - Specific: The California Department of Transportation proposes to co (approximately) Post Miles (PM) 29.96 and 30.03.	onduct a	a subsurface i	nvestigation	along State	Route 46 at
Project Location - City: Lost Hills	Proje	ect Location	- County:	Kern	
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of F The investigation would drill on the northeast and northwes the proposed locations using two different machines. First, groundwater level (about 60 feet). The rest of the work wourig would drill a 4-inch diameter boring to the maximum dep California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-	a hollow ald be do oth of 20 d is anti	v stem auger vone using a se no feet. The pr cipated to take	would drill a elf-casing wi oposed drill	6-inch diam re line mud i ing would od	eter boring to rotary drill rig. The ccur within the
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Californ	nia Dep	artment of Tra	nsportation		
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: 0	Californi	a Department	of Transpor	rtation	
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 numb		Class 6 and 5	Section 1530	06 Informatio	on Collection
Reason why project is exempt:					
Caltrans has determined the proposed subsurface investigation Furthermore, it was determined the proposed investigation					environment.
Lead Agency Contact Person: Richard Putler Area	Code/	Telephone/E	xtension:	559-445-5	286
If filed by applicant: 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the p		gency appro	ving the pr	oject?	□YES □NO
Signature: Rulland Putler Date: 6	-5-	19 Title:	Seinor Env	vironmental PI	anner
	pplicant	. x			
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Cod Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resource		Date	Received for	r filing at OPR	

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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CALTRANS CEQA	DETERMINATION	(Check one)			
☐ Not Applicable – (Caltrans is not the CEQA	Lead Agency [] I	Not Applicable – Caltr ronmental Impact Rep	ort under CEQA	i Initial Study or
	in of this proposal, suppor . (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR		above statements, the	project is:	
Categorically Exe Based on an exam apply:	mpt. Class 6. (PRC 2108 ination of this proposal an	34; 14 CCR 15300 et se d supporting information	, the following stateme		·
concern whe There will no over time.	falls within exempt class re designated, precisely n t be a significant cumulati a reasonable possibility th as.	napped, and officially ad we effect by this project	opted pursuant to law. and successive project	s of the same type in I	the same place,
 This project 	does not damage a scenic is not located on a site inc does not cause a substan	luded on any list compil	ed pursuant to Govt. Co	ode § 65962.5 ("Corte	se List").
	xemption. [This project dectivity may have a signific				that there is no
Richard Putler		Nei	Bretz ,		
Print Name: Senior Env Environmental Branch (Print	Name: Project Manager		
Richard)	Bitlen 6	<u> 44.19</u>	Deil -	Bret	6/4/19
Signature		Date Sign	inte x		Date
determined that this pro does not individually requirements to prep	FR 771.117, and based o	nificant impact on the e essment (EA) or Enviro	nvironment as defined nmental Impact Statem	by NEPA, and is excl	
CALTRANS NEPA	DETERMINATION	(Check one)			
that there are no u the requirements t certifies that it has Section 326 and a has determined th 23 CFR 77	State has determined that nusual circumstances as o prepare an EA or EIS ur carried out the responsible Memorandum of Understat the project is a Categor 1.117(c): activity (c)(24)	described in 23 CFR 77 nder the National Enviro lity to make this determ anding dated May 31, 2 ical Exclusion under:	1:117(b). As such, the nmental Policy Act. The nation pursuant to Cha	project is categorically e State has been assi apter 3 of Title 23, Uni	y excluded from Igned, and hereby ited States Code.
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.					
Richard Putler			il Bretz		•
Print Name: Senior En Environmental Branch		Prin	t Name: Project Manager/	DLA Engineer	
Richard. Signature	Riller_	Ode Sig	nature	But	6/4/19 Uate
Date of Categorical Ex	clusion Checklist completi	on: 6/4/2019 Da	te of ECR or equivalen	t;	

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

Continuation Sheet						
06-KER-46	26.5/31.8	06-44255	0612000176			
DistCoRte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.			
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The proposed drilling would occur within the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and is anticipated to take two weeks to complete. All work would be limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way.

The purpose of this project is to conduct an environmental review of the surface investigative studies required to design the new State Route 46 bridge over the California Aqueduct. Caltrans will need to obtain an encroachment permit from the California Department of Water Resources, since the project is located within their right-of-way. The encroachment permit application requires a copy of the environmental document.

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