## CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

08-SBd-62122/142.71F133/0816000003DistCoRte. (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.)				
Work within the Typical Footprint includes Cold in Place Recycling and Upgrading Concrete Dikes which will occur from Existing EP to EP, and Reestablish shoulder Backing within Existing Graded area from EP to Berm or Toe of Cut Slope. There are Exceptions to this typical footprint at 1 potential Contractor Staging Areas where materials and equipment's may be stored. There are also Exceptions at 2 locations where Guardrail may be Upgraded. The project limits extend across the Colorado River Bridge, where bridge rail may be upgraded, with work occurring solely within the Bridge Deck. All work is within State Right-of-Way and additional right-of-way acquisition is not required.				
CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)				
<ul> <li>Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):</li> <li>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.</li> <li>There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.</li> <li>There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.</li> <li>This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.</li> <li>This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").</li> <li>This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.</li> </ul>				
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				
Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)				
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:  Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)				
Categorically Exempt. General Rule 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 (CCR 15061[b][3].)				
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Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief  5/4/18  Man  Fint Name: Project Manager  5/4/18				
Signature Date Signature Date				
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.				
Gabrielle Duff				
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Print Name: Project Manager Environmental Branch Chief				
Signature Date Signature Date				

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

Date of ECR or equivalent: 5/04/2018

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 5/04/2018

# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM Continuation Sheet

The following technical documentation was prepared in conjunction with determining and addressing applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and applicable California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and compliance requirements.

Biological Resources: NES(MI) - April 4, 2018

#### **Biological Environmental Avoidance and Minimization Efforts:**

In order to prevent any adverse effect to the species, the following avoidance and minimization measure will be implemented. For Special Status and Listed Plant Species, refer to Bio-1 and Bio-2. For Avian Species, refer to Bio-1, Bio-2, and Bio-3. For Bat Species, refer to Bio-4. For the Colorado River Rat and its suitable habitat, refer to Bio-1, Bio-2, and Bio-5 For Desert Tortoise and Desert Tortoise Critical Habitat, refer to Bio-2, and Bio-5 through Bio-17.

- BIO-1 Equipment Staging
- BIO-2 Material and Spoils Control
- BIO-3 Preconstruction Nesting Bird Survey
- BIO-4 Bat Presence Work Restrictions
- BIO-5 Biological Monitor
- BIO-6 Biological Resource Information Program
- **BIO-7** Pre-construction Desert Tortoise Survey
- BIO-8 Temporary Desert Tortoise Fencing
- BIO-9 Desert Tortoise under Vehicles and/or Equipment
- BIO-10 Desert Tortoise in Work Area
- BIO-11 Injured Desert Tortoise
- BIO-12 Desert Tortoise Monitoring Reports
- BIO-13 Speed Limit in Desert Tortoise Habitat
- BIO-14 Predation Prevention
- BIO-15 Firearms and Pet Restrictions
- BIO-16 Handling Desert Tortoise
- BIO-17 Moving Endangered Desert Tortoise

#### Cultural Resources: Historic Property Survey Report - February 28, 2018

Caltrans, pursuant to Section 106 PA Stipulation IX.A and as applicable PRC 5024 MOU Stipulation IX.A.2, has determined a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected is appropriate for this under taking because there are no historic properties within the APE.

#### **Environmental Engineering:**

## Hazardous Waste - February 29,2018

Low to medium risk

#### Air Quality - March 3, 2017

Project is exempt from all air emissions analysis.

## Noise Analysis - March 3, 2017

• Project is a Type III project per Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol, therefore is exempt from traffic noise analysis and a noise study analysis is not needed.

#### Paleontological Resources - April 9, 2018

No paleontological studies are required.

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## **Permits**

The following permits are required for this project:

- 1602 Streambed Alternation Agreement from CDFW
- 401 Water Certification permit from RWQCB
- 404 Nationwide permit from USACE
- 2081 Incidental take permit from CDFW
- Biological Opinion Concurrence received April 23, 2018

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