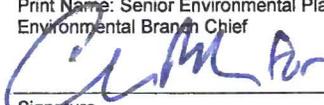


CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

12-ORA-1	5.5/7.9	0P690	N/A
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 <i>Continuation Sheet</i> , if necessary.)			
<p>Geotechnical investigative borings in support of an ADA project along SR-1 in City of Laguna Beach. These are needed to help discern the type and location of proposed retaining walls in various locations along the proposed project footprint to allow for sidewalks to be installed in locations where there are none currently. There are 11 borings proposed along PCH from post mile 5.5 to 7.9. All borings to be drilled within Caltrans ROW. Borings will be drilled via rotary wash drill rig with drill bit less than 4 inches diameter. Soil cuttings and drill fluid to be drummed and hauled off site, borings will be grouted in accordance w/permit obtained from OC Dept of Environmental Health. Borings then will be patched at surface with Asphalt patch/Quickset concrete. DSA is less than 1 acre. State funds only.</p>			
CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)			
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.):			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			
CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class 6. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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].)]			
Smita Deshpande Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief  Signature		Bob Bazargan Print Name: Project Manager  Signature	
3/15/18 Date		3/15/18 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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)()			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.			
N/A Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief Signature		N/A Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer Signature	
Date		Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A		Date of ECR or equivalent : N/A	

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

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Each project alternative includes, as applicable, the following standardized features that are included as part of the project description (<http://www.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/construction-contract-standards.html>) Standardized features (such as Best Management Practices [BMPs]) are those features that are generally applied to most or all Department projects. These standardized or pre-existing features allow little discretion regarding their implementation and are not specific to the circumstances of a particular project. More information on each feature can be found in the applicable environmental consequences sub-sections of Chapter 2.

No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project. In addition to the measures related to construction noise, air pollution control, water pollution control, erosion, cultural resources, biological resources, and any subsequent requirements as given in the Caltrans Standard Specifications, the following conditions are required:

- 1) This project lies within the coastal zone. Construction or maintenance activities shall not commence until a coastal permit exclusion determination or coastal development permit has been obtained from the California Coastal Commission, and/or the Certified Local Coastal Program agency(s) that hold jurisdiction. This should be completed during the PS&E phase for delivery projects.
- 2) Construction must be completed between Labor Day weekend and Memorial Day weekend to avoid impacts to coastal access during the high season.
- 3) Equipment/materials shall not be stored outside of paved areas.

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