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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Bordertown Wildlife Crossings ProjectProject Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The proposed project is located on State Route 395 in Lassen County from post mile R0.0 to R3.2 and in Sierra County from post mile R0.0 to R3.1.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Lassen and Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation, using State funds only, is proposing the Bordertown Wildlife Crossings Project on State Route (SR) 395 in Lassen County from post mile (PM) R0.0 to R3.2 and in Sierra County from PM R0.0 to R3.1. The purpose of the project is to reduce the number of deer/vehicle collisions by repairing/improving four existing undercrossing and placing new exclusionary fencing. The project is needed because resident and migratory deer herds regularly cross this portion of SR 395, thus increasing the potential for deer/vehicle collisions. The proposed work would consist of installing new wildlife exclusionary fencing on each side of SR 395 for approximately 5.2 miles. This would extend the existing wildlife exclusionary fencing south 1.4 miles to the Nevada border and north 1.2 miles toward Hallelujah Junction. In addition, 28 existing one-way deer gates would be removed and up to 38 wildlife escape ramps would be constructed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of TransportationName 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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: New Construction, Section 15303
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Class 3 (e) - Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Keith PelfreyArea Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 225-2085

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:  Date: 10/19/19 Title: Env. Branch Chief - R1☒ 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: _____

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