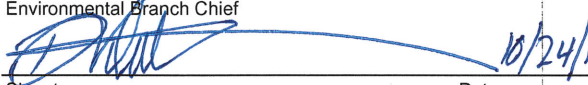


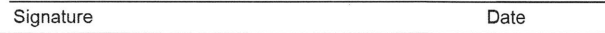


# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

<b>10-TUO-49</b> Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	<b>23.63</b> P.M./P.M.	<b>1L620/1020000041</b> E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)			
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an emergency project to replace the existing double-barreled culvert which has failed at post mile 23.63 on State Route (SR) 49 in Tuolumne County. The scope of work includes removing the two existing 24-inch, Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) culverts and replacing them with two 24-inch, Reinforced Concrete Pipes (RCP). New headwalls will be installed, and the pipes will be placed along a new alignment to better accommodate water flow. The purpose of this project is to correct the damaged and failing culvert. The project is needed to extend the service life of SR-49 and ensure motorist safety over the drainage.</p>			
<b>CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION</b> (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			
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Exempt by Statute.</b> (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Categorically Exempt. Class</b> . (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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Common Sense Exemption.</b> [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].)]			
<b>Dominic Vitali</b> Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		<b>Ali Juma</b> Print Name: Project Manager	
 Signature		 Signature	
Date: 10/24/19		Date: 10-25-2019	
<b>NEPA COMPLIANCE</b>			
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"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).</li> </ul>			
<b>CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION</b> (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>23 USC 326:</b> 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"/> <b>23 USC 327:</b> 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.			
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer	
 Signature		 Signature	
Date		Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A		Date of ECR or equivalent: See Continuation Sheet	

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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## Continuation Sheet

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### General:

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

### Cultural:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
  1. Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
  2. Protect the discovery area
  3. Notify the Engineer
  4. The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the same time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

### Biology:

- A qualified Caltrans biologist is required to monitor construction activities and ensure Caltrans Standard Best Management Practices (BMPs) are adhered to. Contact the Environmental Office prior to the start of all construction activities to ensure a biological monitor can be on site.

### Permits Required:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 1610 Emergency Lake and Streambed Alteration Notification