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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
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Stateline 80 Rock Fall Protection (03-2H010)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located on Interstate Highway 80 (I-80) in Sierra County between post miles (PM) 1.30 to 1.59.

Project Location - City: Mystic Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to create a safer roadway for the traveling public and reduce Caltrans Maintenance Crew exposure to traffic due to rock falls. The purpose is to install double twisted wire mesh drapery or a cable net drapery to control rock falls and Maintenance Crew safety.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because this is a maintenance project for an existing highway facility and does not have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Encanta Engleby Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4538

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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: Date: 11-4-19 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

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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: NOV 04 2019

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet

03-SIE-80	1.30-1.59	03-2H010	0317000045
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

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Scope of work:

The project proposes to stabilize the cut slope and prevent rock falling onto the shoulder and traveled way, which will also reduce maintenance crew exposure to traffic during removal.

Staging

- 2 existing pullouts/shoulders were identified as staging areas in the current project plan, which are within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

- The project is expecting to generate approximately 10,000 CY of excess material, which will to be relinquished to the contractor for disposal. No borrow would be required.

Right-of-Way

- Acquisition of land from the Department of Fish and Wildlife is required.

Consultation/Coordination



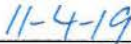





- No Consultation/Coordination is required.

Permits

- No permits were required.

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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.)			
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to create a safer roadway for the traveling public and reduce Caltrans Maintenance Crew exposure to traffic due to rock falls on Interstate Route 80 between Post Miles (PM) 1.30 to 1.59 in Sierra County. The purpose of this project is to install double twisted wire mesh drapery or a cable net drapery at two slope locations, which will control the falling of rocks and depositing them at the slope toe for safer removal by Maintenance Crews.</p>			
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	
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt Class 1 . (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"> • 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. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Sense 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 (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]			
Encanta Engleby		Martin Clark	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager	
			
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:			
<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 checked="" 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)(<u> </u>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(<u>13</u>) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity <u> </u> 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.			
Encanta Engleby		Martin Clark	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer	
			
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 10/4/2019		Date of ECR or equivalent : 10/29/2019	

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