

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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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 Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

19-20 West Stripe

Caltrans proposes to replace striping and marker pavement delineation at various locations on Highway 1 in Mendocino County. Equipment will be confined to paved surfaces and existing non-vegetated gravel turnouts. Portable changeable message signs will be placed between postmile 15 to 58 and 62.10 to 105.58. There will be no construction area signs and no tree removal. All work will take place within the Caltrans right of way.

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

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
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:

- 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.

- 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].)]

Vincent Heim

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Chris Ghidinelli

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature: Vincent Heim (acting)

Date: 11/21/19

Signature: Chris Ghidinelli Date: 11/21/19

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)
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.

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Not Applicable

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of ECR or equivalent: 11/18/2019

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Biological, cultural, visual, and hazardous materials reviews have been completed, and there are no anticipated impacts on these resources with the incorporation of the measures identified below. No environmental permits are required for this project.

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-11.07 will be included to remove yellow traffic stripe and pavement marking with hazardous waste residue.
- Use SSP 84-9.03B for thermoplastic / paint striping
- From Postmile 17.00 to 40.18 no night work will be done, and construction staging will only occur in paved, unvegetated turnouts adjacent to upland fields or developed areas.
- From Postmile 17.00 to 20.00 and 21.75 to 23.3 construction will be restricted to July, August, and September (dry season) to avoid impacts to dispersing California Red Legged Frog (CRLF) juveniles.
- No night work will be done from Postmile 102 to 105.58
- From Postmile 17.00 to 29.90 no construction shall occur from December 1 to June 30 and no night work shall occur.