

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

11 SD 8	R45.0	711190363R	11-19-6RW-1192
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	Reporting Code	11-19-6UF-0363 (parent) Encroachment Permit 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.)

Encroachment Permit No. 11-19-6-RW-1192: San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) proposes to upgrade electrical poles at Interstate 8 postmile R45.0 near Pine Valley Road in San Diego County. Scope of work also includes ramp closures, traffic control, and staging. Major ground disturbance is not anticipated.

See page 2 for a list of avoidance and minimization measures.

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.)

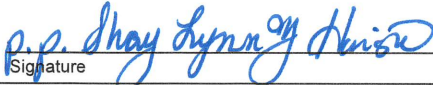
☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 5.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

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.

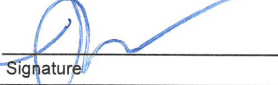
☐ **Common Sense Exemption.** [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]

Bruce April
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner


Signature

12/2/19
Date

Joy Lee
Print Name: Project Manager


Signature

12/4/19
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:

- 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.

N/A
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner

Signature

Date

N/A
Print Name: Project Manager

Signature

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).

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet

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The following conditions must be met for this Categorical Exemption (CE) to be valid:

Biological Resources:

- Areas with vegetation removal or impacts will be hydroseeded with the following plant mix:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Pounds Pure Live Seed per Acre
<i>Elymus glauca</i>	blue wild rye	8.0
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	flat-topped buckwheat	3.0
<i>Salvia apiana</i>	white sage	2.0
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Big sagebrush	2.0
<i>Gutierrezia californica</i>	California matchweed	1.0
<i>Lasthenia californica</i>	goldfields	2.0
<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	purple needlegrass	6.0

- Migratory birds may nest within vegetation within the impact area. Vegetation removal activities should take place between August 31 to February 15 which is outside the bird breeding season. If vegetation removal will take place during this time, a pre-construction survey must be completed by a qualified biologist. If nesting activity is found within or near the impact area, then appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent impacts to nesting birds. Appropriate measures include Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) designation, temporary work delay, staking, flagging, and/or fencing.

Stormwater/Water Quality:

- Requirements per the TR-0400 Storm Water Special Provisions for Minimal or No Impact must be followed. See Attachment A.

Visual/Aesthetics:

- Native oaks, sycamores, and willows will be protected in place.
- No construction activities, including storage of materials or equipment, will be allowed in landscaped areas outside the permitted footprint.

Hazardous Waste/Materials:

- Permittee must reuse the soil within the work limits in the immediate area from which it was excavated. If any excess soil is generated, it becomes the property of the permittee. Permittee must transport all excess soil outside of Caltrans' right-of-way, and dispose of it in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations

STORM WATER SPECIAL PROVISIONS for MINIMAL or NO IMPACT

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Attachment A

1. GENERAL: The purpose of these Special Provisions is to provide the Permittee with specifications for water pollution control to minimize, prevent, or control the discharge of material into the air, surface waters, groundwater, and storm sewers owned by the State or local agencies. These provisions are not intended to take the place of the Caltrans Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) for projects where soil disturbance from work activities less than one acre, or work activities of one acre or more subject to the preparation of the Caltrans Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that would require a waste discharge identification number or coverage under the California Construction General Permit (*Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ, NPDES No CAS000002*). The Permittee shall comply with the following Special Provisions and the direction of the State Representative.

2. NPDES REQUIREMENTS: The Permittee shall be responsible for full compliance with the Caltrans Storm Water Program and the Caltrans National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit requirements. It is the Permittee's responsibility to install, inspect, and repair or maintain facilities and devices used for water pollution control practices before performing daily work activities. Installation and maintenance responsibilities on the job site include: 1) soil stabilization materials in work areas that are inactive or prior to storm events, 2) water pollution control devices to control sediment and erosion, 3) implementation of spill and leak prevention procedures for chemical and hazardous substances stored on the job site, 4) material storage, 5) stockpile management, 6) waste management, 7) non-stormwater management, 8) water conservation, and 9) illicit connection, illegal discharge detection and reporting. The Permittee shall report to the state representative when discharges enter into receiving waters, adjacent property, drainage systems or when discharges could be a cause or a threat for water pollution. The Permittee shall also control illicit discharges or illegal dumping prior to start of daily work schedule. Copies of written notices or orders from the Regional Water Quality Control Board or other regulatory agency shall be provided to the State representative within 48 hours of reported activity. For additional information on storm water compliance, visit the State Water Resources Control Boards storm water Website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater

3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL: The Permittee shall be responsible for preventing sediment, trash, debris, and other construction waste from entering the street, the storm drains, local creeks, or any other bodies of water.

4. SPOILS AND RESIDUE: The Permittee shall vacuum any saw-cut concrete waste material, debris, residue, etc. No spoils, debris, residue, etc. shall be washed into a drainage system.

5. SWEEPING: Sweep paved roads at construction entrance and exit locations and surrounding paved areas daily within the job site during: 1) clearing and grubbing, 2) earthwork, 3) trenching, 4) soil disturbance, 5) pavement grinding and/or cutting, and 6) after observing tracking of material onto or off the State property. Keep dust to a minimum during sweeping activities. Use vacuum whenever dust generation is excessive or sediment pickup is ineffective. Roadways or work areas shall not be washed down with water. Street sweeping operations must conform to Section 13 Water Pollution Control of the State of California standard specifications for construction (most current version) <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/oe/specifications/SSPs/2010-SSPs/>.

6. VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT: Permittee shall prevent all vehicles, equipment, etc. from leakage or mud tracking onto

roadways. If leaks cannot be repaired immediately, remove the vehicle or equipment from the job site.

7. MAINTENANCE AND FUELING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT: Maintenance and fueling of equipment shall not result in any pollution at the job site. The Permittee shall immediately clean up spills/leaks, and properly dispose of contaminated soil and materials.

8. CLEANING VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT: Limit vehicle and equipment cleaning or washing at the job site except what is necessary to control vehicle tracking or hazardous waste. The Permittee shall clean all equipment within a bermed area or over a drip pan large enough to prevent run-off. No soaps, solvents, degreasers, etc shall be used in State right of way. Any water from this operation shall be collected and disposed of at an appropriate site. Containment berms or dikes shall be used for fueling, washing, maintaining and washing vehicles or equipment in outside areas. Containment must be performed at least 100 feet from concentrated flows of storm water, drainage courses, and storm drain inlets if within a flood plain, otherwise at least 50 feet if outside the floodplain. Keep adequate quantities of absorbent spill-cleanup material and spill kits in the fueling or maintenance area and on fueling trucks.

9. DIESEL FUELS: The use of diesel fuel from petroleum or other fossil fuel as a form-oil or solvent is not allowed.

10. WEATHER CONDITIONS AT WORKSITE: Any activity that would generate fine particles or dust that could be transported off site by stormwater shall be performed during dry weather.

11. HOT MIX ASPHALT: Runoff from washing hot mix asphalt shall not enter into any drainage conveyances.

12. PROTECTION OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES: The Permittee shall protect/cover gutters, ditches, drainage courses, and inlets with gravel bags, fiber rolls, State approved fabric filters, etc., to the satisfaction of the State representative during grading, paving, saw-cutting, etc. and materials must conform to Section 13-6.02 Materials for Water Pollution Control of the State of California standard specifications for construction (most current version). No such protection measures shall cause an obstruction to the traveling public. The Permittee shall implement spill and leak prevention procedures for chemicals and hazardous substances stored on the job site in accordance to section 13-4.03B(1-3) Spill Prevention and Control, Water Pollution Control, of the State of California standard specifications for construction (2010 version).

13. PAINT: Rinsing of painting equipment and materials is not permitted in state right-of-way. When thoroughly dry, dispose of the following as solid waste: dry latex paint, paint cans, used brushes, rags, gloves, absorbent materials, and drop cloths. Oil based paint sludge and unusable thinner shall be disposed of at an approved hazardous waste site.

14. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS: Stockpile of all construction materials, including, but not limited to; pressure treated wood, asphalt concrete, cold mix asphalt concrete, concrete, grout, cement containing premixes, and mortar, shall conform to section 13-4.03C Material Management (Storage & Stockpiles), Water Pollution Control, of the State of California standard specifications for construction (2010 version).

15. CONCRETE EQUIPMENT: Concrete equipment shall be washed in a designated washing area in a way that does not contaminate soil, receiving waters, or storm drain systems.

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16. EXISTING VEGETATION: Established existing vegetation is the best form of erosion control. Minimize disturbance to existing vegetation. Damaged or removed vegetation shall be replaced as directed by the State Representative.

17. SOIL DISTURBANCE: Soil disturbing activities shall be avoided during the wet weather season. If construction activities during wet weather are allowed in your permit, all necessary erosion control and soil stabilization measures shall be implemented in advance of soil disturbing activity.

18. SLOPE STABILIZATION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL: Consider a certified expert in Erosion and Sediment control in cases where slopes are disturbed during construction. The Permittee is directed to comply with Section 13.5 Temporary Soil Stabilization and Section 21 Erosion Control of the State of California (2010 version) standard specifications for construction during application of temporary soil stabilization measures to the soil surface. Fiber rolls or silt fences may be required down slope until permanent soil stabilization is established. Remove the accumulated sediment whenever the sediment accumulates to 1/3 of the linear sediment barrier height.

19. STOCKPILES: Stockpiles containing aggregate and/or soil shall be stored at least 100 feet from concentrated flows of storm water, drainage courses, and storm drain inlets if within a flood plain, otherwise at least 50 feet if outside the floodplain, and shall be covered and protected with a temporary perimeter sediment barrier. Cold mix stockpiles shall be stored on an impermeable surface and covered with 9mil plastic to prevent contact with water.

20. DISCOVERY OF CONTAMINATION: The State Representative shall be notified in case any unusual discoloration, odor, or texture of ground water, is found in excavated material or if abandoned, underground tanks, pipes, or buried debris are encountered.

21. SANITARY AND SEPTIC WASTE: Do not bury or discharge wastewater from a sanitary or septic system within the highway. Properly connected sewer facilities are free from leaks. With State Representative approval place portable sanitary facility at least 50 feet away from storm drains, receiving waters, and flow lines. Permittee must comply with local health agency provisions when using an on-site disposal system.

22. LIQUID WASTE: Prevent job site liquid waste from entering storm drain systems and receiving waters. Drilling slurries, grease or oil-free waste water or rinse water, dredging, wash water or rinse water running off a surface or other nonstorm water liquids not covered under separate waste water permits shall be held in structurally sound, leak-proof containers, such as portable bins or portable tanks. Store containers at least 50 feet away from moving vehicles and equipment. Liquid waste may require testing to determine hazardous material content prior to disposal.

23. WATER CONTROL AND CONSERVATION: Manage water use in a way that will prevent erosion and the discharge of pollutants into storm drain systems and receiving waters. Direct runoff water, including water from water line repair from the job site to areas where it can infiltrate into the ground. Direct water from off-site sources around the job site or from contact with jobsite water.

24. PILE DRIVING: Keep spill kits and cleanup materials at pile driving locations. Park pile driving equipment over drip pans,

absorbent pads, or plastic sheeting with absorbent material, and away from storm water run-on when not in use.

25. DEWATERING: Dewatering consists of discharging accumulated storm water, groundwater, or surface water from excavations or temporary containment facilities. All dewatering operations shall comply with the latest Caltrans guidelines. Contact State representative for approval of dewatering discharge by infiltration or evaporation, otherwise, any effluent discharged into a permitted storm water system requires approval from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Prior to the start of dewatering, the Permittee shall provide the State Representative with a dewatering and discharge work plan that complies with section 13-4.01B Submittals, Water Pollution Control, of the State of California standard specifications for construction (2010 version). A copy of the Waste Discharge Permit and a copy of a valid WDID number issued by the Regional Board shall be provided to the State representative.