

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**

<b>01-MEN-101</b> District-County-Route	<b>59.3 to 59.7</b> P.M./P.M.	<b>01-0J300</b> E.A/Project No.	<b>---</b> Federal-Aid Project Number.
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, and right-of-way requirements.

This project proposes to place a guardrail system on the northbound (NB) side of US 101 between SR 162 and Long Valley Bridge (#10-180), between Post Mile (PM) 59.3 to 59.7 in Mendocino County. The work will consist of placing MGS, MGS (8' post), and alternative inline terminal systems. Minor concrete (vegetation control) will be installed throughout the new guardrail system. The existing dike will be removed and Type F dike will be placed. This project is being proposed to reduce collision severity. All work would occur within the State right of way. Air quality, biological, cultural, hazardous waste, noise, visual, and water quality reviews have been completed. JG

See next page for additional project information.

**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 (c) - Existing Facilities. (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].)]

**Liza Walker**  
Senior Environmental Planner

**Kristina Walker**  
Project Manager

 12/18/19  
Signature Date

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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:

- 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**  
Senior Environmental Planner

**N/A**  
Project Manager

Signature Date

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: **NA**

Date of ECR or equivalent: 12/18/2019

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**Continuation Sheet**

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<p>Continued from page 1:</p> <p><b>The following measures have been included as part of the project:</b></p> <p><b>Air Quality:</b> Dust and emissions shall be reduced and controlled according to Caltrans Standard Specifications, under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dust Control – Section 10-5.</li><li>• Air Quality – Section 14-9.</li><li>• Dust Palliatives – Section 18.</li></ul> <p><b>Hazardous Waste:</b> Hazardous waste shall be reduced and controlled according to Caltrans Standard Specifications, under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead in Soil – Section 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii).</li><li>• Thermoplastic/Paint Stripe/Pavement Marking – Section 36-4.</li><li>• Treated Wood Waste (TWW) – Section 14-11.14.</li></ul> <p><b>Noise:</b> Compliance with sound control regulations and ordinances shall be obtained by implementing measures outlined in Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-8.02 "Noise Control".</p> <p><b>Visual Impact Assessment:</b> Visual impacts would be minimized by incorporating measures outlined in Caltrans Standard Special Provision Section 83-1.02B; using color AMS-STD 595 #37031 to color the minor concrete vegetation control mat.</p> <p><b>Water Quality:</b> Water quality would be minimized by preparing and following a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP).</p>			