CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) FOR STATE ROUTE 133 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 12-ORA-133 (PM3.1/R4.1)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has determined that Alternative 1 (the Build Alternative) will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the attached Environmental Assessment (EA), which has been independently evaluated by Caltrans and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. Caltrans takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA.

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 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans.

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Mitigated Negative Declaration

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, in cooperation with the County of Orange, proposes to make improvements to SR-133 (Laguna Canyon Road) in both directions from just south of the El Toro Road to SR-73 between Post Miles 3.1 and R4.1, in the City of Laguna Beach in Orange County, California.

Determination

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed project would have no effect on the following resources: Agriculture and Forest Resources, Population and Housing, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

In addition, the proposed project would have less than significant effects to: Land Use and Planning, Cultural Resources, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems, Aesthetics, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Transportation/Traffic, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Recreation, Air Quality, and Noise.

With mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have less than significant effects to: Biological Resources (Measure BIO-11), Cultural Resources (Measure PAL-1).

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