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03-ED-50
PM: 13.76-19.04
EA: 03-1H800
EFIS: 0317000003

To Whomever it May Concern:

Attached is a copy of the Categorical Exemption (CEQA) / Categorical Exclusion (NEPA) and a copy of the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the El Dorado Culvert Rehabilitation Project. Please return a stamped copy of the NOE in the SASE provided.

For additional information or questions concerning this environmental approval, please contact me at (530) 741-4404.

Sincerely,

Sandeep Sandhu, Associate Environmental Planner
North Region Office of Environmental Management, M5

Enclosures: CE/CE and a copy of the NOE

Print Form

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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901
(Address)

Project Title: El Dorado Culvert Rehabilitation (03-1H800)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
On State Route 50 in El Dorado County

Project Location - City: Placerville Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project proposes to rehabilitate deteriorated components of the roadway drainage system on Route (SR) 50 between post miles (PM) 13.76-19.04 in El Dorado County. The purpose of this project is is to extend the drainage system service life, improve flow characteristics and reduce maintenance costs.

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));
- ☒ 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: Kelly McNally Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4134

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? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Kelly McNally Date: 1/27/20 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☒ 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: JAN 28 2020

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-ED-50	13.76/19.04	03-1H800	0317000003
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.)*

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a project to rehabilitate deteriorated components of the roadway drainage system on State Route 50 (SR-50) at post miles (PM) 13.76 – 19.04 in El Dorado County, due to the system exceeding its intended design life. The purpose of this project is to extend the drainage system service life, improve flow characteristics and reduce maintenance costs.

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].)

Kelly McNally		**Martin Clark**	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager	
Signature	Date: 1/27/20	Signature	Date: 1/27/20

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 _2_ 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.

Kelly McNally		**Martin Clark**	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer	
Signature	Date: 1/27/20	Signature	Date: 1/27/20

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 1/6/2019

Date of ECR or equivalent : 1/15/2019

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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Scope of work:
The project proposes to rehabilitate deteriorated components of the roadway drainage system on SR-50 at PM 13.76 – 19.04 in El Dorado County, due to the system exceeding its intended design life.

Staging
- 2 staging areas were identified in the current project plan, which are within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow
- No Disposal/Borrowing is required. All excavated, disturbed soil will remain or be used within the project.

Right-of-Way
- Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) and Permanent Drainage Easements (PDEs) will be required at multiple locations to perform work.

Consultation/Coordination
- No Consultation/Coordination is required.

Permits
- No permits were required.