
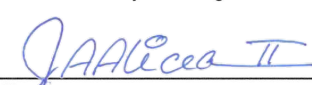




CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

10-TUO-49	R11.4	10-1L970/1020000089	
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.)			
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Minor B project to replace the existing 3 PVC culverts on State Route (SR) 49 in Tuolumne County, near Chinese Camp, at 0.9 mile south of SR 108 with three 4'Wx3'H Precast Reinforced Concrete Box (Precast-RCB) culverts. Construction would occur on both paved and unpaved surfaces within and outside of Caltrans Right of Way (ROW). A small amount of ROW will be acquired for future maintenance of the culverts. The purpose of this project is to replace deteriorating culverts. The project is needed to extend the service life of the culverts and the travelled way, as well as maintain the proper flow of the channel.</p>			
CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency		<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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].)]			
Dominic Vitali Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Jose A. Alicea II Print Name: Project Manager	
 Signature		 Signature	
2/19/20 Date		2/19/2020 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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c) ()			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) ()			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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	
 Signature		 Signature	
Date		Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: n/a		Date of ECR or equivalent: 02-19-2020	

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

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Continuation Sheet

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General:

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.

Cultural Resources:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
 - Stop all work within a 60-foot radius of the discovery
 - Protect the discovery area
 - Notify the Engineer

The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County Coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendant (MLD). At the time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Hazardous Waste:

- A Lead Compliance Plan prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist is required and grinding must be sampled and disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) shall be included in the construction contract.
- No soils are to be removed from outside of Caltrans' right of way.

Biology:

- Please contact the Environmental Office 7 days in advance of any de-watering activities and the start of any work within the streambed. A qualified Caltrans Biologist will need to be present during dewatering activities if required.
- Adhere to all requirements as set forth in the Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Permit dated October 27, 2017. Disregard water quality sampling and work window stated in 401 per Regulatory Compliance Summary Memo.
- If construction will occur during bird nesting season (February 1-September 30), contact the Environmental Office two weeks prior to the start of construction to schedule a pre-construction bird survey to be completed within 15 days prior to start of construction.
- The 404-Non-Reporting Nationwide permit package dated January 29, 2020 should be kept on-hand during construction.

Permits required for this project:

- Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 Permit
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404-Non-Reporting