

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

01-HUM-36 District-County-Route	5.29/30.98 P.M./P.M.	01-0F840 E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project Number.
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, and right-of-way requirements.

The proposed project would rehabilitate eight culverts on Route 36 between post miles (PM) 5.29 and 30.98 in Humboldt County. The project is being proposed to replace or rehabilitate drainage systems identified by the Culvert Inspection Program (CIP) as deteriorated and beyond their useful life, and without such repair or replacement, the roadway could be subject to washout requiring more extensive roadway construction. Work would include culvert replacement and culvert barrel lining. Culverts requiring replacement would be replaced as close to the existing alignment (horizontal/vertical) as possible. All work would occur within the State right of way. All work would be done from the roadway, and ample shoulder and turnout areas are available throughout the project limits for temporary material and equipment storage. Biological, cultural, visual, water quality, and hazardous materials reviews have been completed. CD

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:


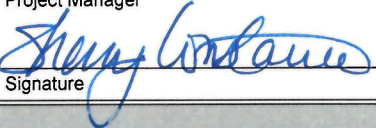
☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 2** (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].)]

<p>Jason J. Meyer Senior Environmental Planner</p> <p> 3/18/2020</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Sherry Constancio Project Manager</p> <p> 3/18/2020</p> <p>Signature Date</p>
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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 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.

<p>N/A Senior Environmental Planner</p> <p> Date</p>	<p>N/A Project Manager</p> <p> Date</p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A Date of ECR or equivalent: 2/25/2020

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The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- All work within the jurisdictional waters within the project area would be restricted to June 15 to October 15 of the construction season.
- If nesting birds or roosting bats are found, removal of vegetation or nests would not be allowed until the nesting birds or roosting bats have vacated.
- Activities within the construction zone would be subject to regulatory agency constraints, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB), United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), and others as applicable.
- No potential marbled murrelet or suitable northern spotted owl nesting trees would be removed during the nesting season (1 February to 15 September).
- No construction activities would occur within a visual line-of-sight for 131 feet or less from any known nest locations for northern spotted owl or marbled murrelet.
- To prevent attracting corvids (birds of the Corvidae family which include jays, crows and ravens), no trash or foodstuffs would be left or stored on-site. All trash must be deposited in a secure container and disposed of at an approved garbage facility. Also, on-site workers would not attempt to attract or feed any wildlife.
- From February 1 to August 5, no construction activities generating noise levels greater than 90dB (w/ the exception of backup alarms) or activities generating sound levels of 20 or more dB above ambient sound levels would occur.
- From August 6 to September 15, any sound levels greater than 10dB above ambient noise levels would observe a daily work window beginning two hours post-sunrise and ending two hours pre-sunset.
- From August 16 to January 31, construction work windows would be lifted.
- BMPs to protect water quality.
- Treated wood waste will be addressed and managed.
- Earth material containing lead will managed with a lead compliance plan.