

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans

50 Higuera Street

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

(Address)

Project Title: SB Various Drainages 05-1K5304/0518000219

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific:

Santa Barbara County, SR 154-PM VAR. (SB 135-PM 17.5, SB-101-PM 90.4, SB 101-87.9/88.1, SB-101-84.3, SB-101-M9.1, SB-101-R50.4)

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes emergency repairs to six drainage locations in Santa Barbara County. The purpose of the project is to repair culverts and associated fencing. The project is needed to maintain drainage flow for blocked culverts, and fencing to prevent public entry.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Class 1

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment, does not damage a scenic or historical resource, and will not be a significant cumulative effect.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Allison Donatello Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-542-4685

**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: [Signature] Date: 2/20/19 Title: Assoc. Env. Planner

**Governor's Office of Planning & Research**

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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: \_\_\_\_\_

**APR 27 2020**

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**



# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

<b>05-SB-VAR</b>	<b>VAR</b>	<b>05-1K530/0518000219</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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.)*)

Caltrans proposes emergency repairs to six drainage locations in Santa Barbara County. The purpose of the project is to repair culverts and associated fencing. The project is needed to maintain drainage flow for blocked culverts, and fencing to prevent public entry.

Location 1: SB-135-17.5 - The project will place chain link fence and 2-inch fabric around the flood control channel adjacent to Preisker Lane at Route 135.

Location 2: SB-101-90.4 - The project will modify the gate on the north culvert of the Bradley Channel to reduce the minimum clearance between bars. *Continue to next page*

**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:

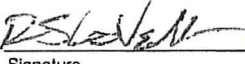

☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **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].)]

<p><b>Randy Lavack</b></p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p> 2-20-19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p><b>Berkeley Lindt</b></p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p> 2-20-19</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 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

N/A

☐ **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>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of ECR or equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Continuation Sheet**

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Location 3: SB-101-87.9/88.1 - The project will replace a portion of dike, reconstruct a down drain, repair the slope, and remove a eucalyptus bush just north of the northbound Stewell onramp. (Continued on next page)

Location 4: SB-101-84.3 - The project will reconstruct the ditch coming off the northbound shoulder.

Location 5: SB-101-M9.1- The project will abandon an existing culvert and install a new one immediately west of the intersection with Harris Grade Road.

Location 6: SB-101-R50.4 - The project will remove a willow stump and mineral deposit adjacent to the creek.