

**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: Merced

**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1L470: Merced I-5 Fence Replacement

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

**Project Location - Specific:**

The project proposes replacing fencing along northbound and southbound Interstate (I) 5 from post mile 23.5 to 25.1, within Merced County.

Project Location - City: Gustine Project Location - County: MER

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Highway Maintenance project to replace fencing along Interstate (I) 5 from post mile 23.5 to post mile 25.1 within Merced County. The scope of work includes replacing the existing barbed-wire mesh fencing that has a combination of wooden and metal posts with new barbed-wire mesh and new all metal posts. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way (ROW). The purpose of the project is to replace the deteriorating and failing wooden-post fence line with upgraded metal posts and mesh. The project is needed to provide a secure fence line along I-5 and Caltrans Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

**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: Existing Facilities Section 15301  
 Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason why project is exempt:**

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitats, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

**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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 05/01/2020 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Cc

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