

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
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Butte 162 Culvert Rehab (03-1G960)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project plans to repair or replace 8 culverts at various locations in Butte County along HWY 162 and 99.

Project Location - City: Oroville

Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To deliver a culvert rehabilitation project that repairs and/or replaces failed culverts. By addressing deficient culverts will increase functionality of the culverts, improve drainage patterns, and keep the roadway safe.

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: Mundeep Purewal

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4590

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: Mundeep Purewal

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Mundeep Purewal
Date: 2020.08.03
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Date: 7/31/2020

Title: Sr. 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 Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: **Aug 03 2020**

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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-Butte-99 & 162 **PM/PM:** Various

EA: 03-1G960

EFIS: 0320000135 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

Caltrans is proposing a culvert rehab project on state route 162 and 99. The project plans to repair or replace 8 culverts at various locations in Butte county along highway 162 and 99 (see table below for specific locations). Ground disturbance is expected to occur where culverts are being rehabilitated. Also, a staging area may be required to store construction equipment to be used. Lastly, night work may be required because the culvert work will occur adjacent to a two-lane highway. The purpose of the project is to repair and/or replace failed culverts. The need is to address deficient culverts to increase functionality of the culverts and improve drainage patterns to keep the roadway safe.

Culvert	BUT 162
Culvert 1	PM R9.77
Culvert 2	PM R9.76
Culvert 3	PM 11.61
Culvert 4	PM 12.97
Culvert 5	PM 15.43
Culvert 6	PM 15.50
Culvert 7	PM 15.52
Culvert	BUT 99
Culvert 8	PM 13.05

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, 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.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the 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].)



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Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Mundeep Purewal

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7/29/20

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Jennifer Key

Jennifer Key

7/31/2020

Print Name

Signature

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Caltrans 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). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**
- Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A	N/A	N/A
_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A	N/A	N/A
_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

All staging cleared by ROW and no permits required.