

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

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
 County Clerk  
 County of: SAC

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 03  
703 B Street  
Marysville CA 95901

Project Title: NEV 174 East Culvert Rehab Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

**Project Location - Specific:**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a culvert maintenance project (project) located in Nevada County on State Route (SR) 174 from postmile (PM)

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: NEV

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

This is an HM251 Culvert Preservation Maintenance Project located in Nevada County on Route 174 from Postmile 4.6 to Postmile 5.3. The proposed project will repair or replace 12 culverts at 8 locations. Work includes: • CIPP Line • Regrade ditch • Replace flared end sections and add AC apron above • Place RSP at outlet

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: Class 1, PRC 21084 Title 14 CCR, Section 15301 (b)  
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Agency**

Contact Person: Masum A Patwary Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-741-4588

**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: Masum A Patwary Date: 8/10/2020 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-NEV-174 4.500/5.300 03-1G970/0320000138  
 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.)

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## 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 1c. (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.

☐ Exempt by General Rule. [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].)]

**Mike L Bartlett**

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

**Jennifer J Key**

Print Name: Project Manager

  
Signature

8/10/20  
Date

  
Signature

8/10/2020  
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:

- 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:

- ☐ 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.

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DIA Engineer

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:

Date of ECR or equivalent :

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

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM****Continuation Sheet****03-NEV-174****4.500/5.300****03-1G970/0320000138**

Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)

P.M./P.M.

E.A/Project No.

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**Staging**

- All staging would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way on existing pullouts.

**Disposal/Borrow**

- No borrow is required. There will be earthwork from excavation that will be disposed of appropriately by the contractor.

**Right-of Way**

- All work would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way.

**Consultation/Coordination**

- No consultation/coordination are needed.

**Permits**

- No permits are required.