

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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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.)

This Roadside rehabilitation project provides for replacement and rehabilitation of existing vegetation and irrigation damaged by extreme weather (drought or freezing conditions), acts of nature, or deterioration in order to integrate the facility with the adjacent community and surrounding environs. The project provides for water conservation activities including installation of inert groundcover, and water efficient irrigation upgrades. The project also provides permanent erosion control to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. The project also includes strategies that improve worker and traveler safety by reducing the frequency and duration of maintenance workers' exposure to traffic. During the drought, it was required to stop watering plants that needed high quantities of water, including the lawn areas.

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.

☐ 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].)]

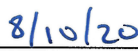
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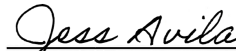
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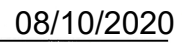
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Print Name: Project Manager


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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:

- ☒ 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(26)
- ☐ 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.

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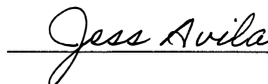
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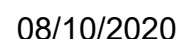
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:		Date of ECR or equivalent :	

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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 ditch 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.

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