

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 - District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Arena Blvd Grassland Fire (03-1J060)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located in Sacramento County, on Interstate 5 from postmiles (PM) 26.7 to PM 28.3.

Project Location - City: Sacramento

Project Location - County: Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work is to remove and replace damaged guardrail, remove and replace damaged culverts, repair damaged landscape, hydro seed, replace damaged signs, repair damaged fencing, replace damaged roadside markers, traffic control and COZEEP. This project was necessary to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property and essential public services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

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, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Restoration of damaged structures to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Bibiana Rodriguez

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4139

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: Bibi Rodriguez Date: 9/1/20 Title: Env. 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: Sep 01 2020

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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-SAC-5

PM/PM: 26.7/28.3

EA: 03-1J060

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director's Order to repair and replace fire damaged guardrail, culverts, landscaping, markers, signs, and fencing in Sacramento County, on Interstate 5 from post mile (PM) 26.7 to PM 28.3. The purpose of this project is to keep the route safe for the traveling public, avoid damage to adjacent utilities, private property and its occupants, and protect the roadway and its appurtenances. This project was necessary to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential public services.

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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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Julia K. Green

Print Name

Julia Green

Signature

8/28/20

Date

Project Manager

Anthony W. Thurman

Print Name

Anthony Thurman

Signature

8/31/2020

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)(N/A)**

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(N/A)**

☐ **Activity N/A 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

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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:

Scope of work:

- Remove and replace damaged guardrail
- Remove and replace damaged culvert at PM 27.87
- Repair damaged landscape
- Hydro seed
- Replace damaged signs
- Repair damaged fencing
- Replace damaged roadside markers
- Traffic control and Construction Zone Enhancement Enforcement Program (COZEEP)

All staging and work would take place within the Caltrans right-of-way.

No excavation disposal or borrow sites needed.

No need for consultation or coordination.

No permits required.