

CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 05-SCR-1,9,236

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 05-1M790

Project Number: 052000073

Project Description

On Monday, August 17, 2020, the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire started by lightning in the Santa Cruz Mountains. This work involves removal of burnt trees and debris that Caltrans forces will need to safely perform to protect highway facilities from potential debris flows during winter storm events. Portions of Highways 1, 9 and 236 were temporarily closed to allow for fire response. The scope of work includes; removing debris, removing hazardous burned trees, hauling and disposing of debris and burned trees, and temporary traffic control.

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:

- X Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- □ Categorically Exempt. Class Enter class. (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 <u>SER Chapter 34</u> 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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EA: 05-1M650 Project Number: 052000046

Caltrans NEPA Determination: 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).

N/A