



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 01/MEN/101

PM/PM: 73.70/97.05

EA:0K520

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

Caltrans proposes to replace or repair deteriorating culverts, from post miles (PM) 73.70 to 97.05, on US Route 101 in Mendocino County. Drainage system repairs would include culvert replacement using cut and cover methods, lining existing culverts with high density polyethylene (HDPE), and correcting deficient inlet and/or outlet conditions. The project is needed because the deficient drainage facilities are beyond their useful service life and are compromising the structural integrity of the roadway. All proposed work is with Caltrans' existing right-of-way (ROW) and all work would be done from the roadway. Turnouts and large gravel shoulders could be utilized throughout the project limits for temporary material and equipment storage.

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 1C.** (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

Dana York		1/5/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Sherry Constancio		1/5/2021
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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:

[X] 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)

[X] Activity 2 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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 01/04/2021
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/24/2020



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Continuation sheet:

Proposed scope of work by location:

PM	Scope of work
73.70	Remove headwall (HW) and 18" Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) culvert (59'). Install new 24" CSP (59') and Flared End Section (FES). Raise vertical alignment approximately 1' to mitigate sedimentation issue.
78.59	Abandon existing 18" CSP culvert (76') and remove Drainage Inlet (DI). Install new 24" CSP (61'), Down Drain (DD) (12') and DI. Raise vertical alignment approximately 4' to facilitate more efficient and economical construction and maintenance efforts.
78.65	Remove/abandon existing 18" CSP culvert (132') and remove DI. Install new 24" CSP (114') and DI. Adjust horizontal alignment to miss tree. Raise vertical alignment approximately 7' to facilitate more efficient and economical construction and maintenance efforts.
78.83	Remove 18" CSP culvert (62'), DD (5') and DI. Install new 24" CSP(60'), DD (5') and DI. Raise vertical alignment approximately 2' to facilitate more efficient and economical construction and maintenance efforts.
79.36	Remove 18" CSP culvert (52') and DI. Install new 24" CSP (50') and DI. Raise vertical alignment approximately 3' to facilitate more efficient and economical construction and maintenance efforts.
79.56	Re-establish inlet channel and remove debris from inlet.
80.23	Remove existing 18" CSP culvert (117') and DI. Install new 24" HDPE culvert (117') and DI.
80.43	Abandon existing 18" CSP (120') and remove DI. Connect existing plastic pipe to remaining DI.
95.65	Remove existing 36" plastic pipe (70'). Install new Welded Steel Pipe (70').
96.05	Remove/abandon existing 18" CSP (77'), DD (48') and DI. Install new 24" CSP (65'), DD (64') and DI. Raise vertical alignment approximately 6' to facilitate more efficient and economical construction and maintenance efforts.

The following permits, agreements, and approvals are required for the proposed project from the respective regulatory agencies:

- Federal Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Programmatic Letter of Concurrence) and NOAA Fisheries (Programmatic Biological Opinion)
- 401 Water Quality Certification, Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Non-Reporting 404 Permit, US Army Corps of Engineers
- 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement, California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project does not use any Section 4(f) properties. Section 4(f) properties adjacent or near the project limits will not be impacted, therefore section 4(f) does not apply.