

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

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Barbara

401 East Cypress Avenue, RM 102

Santa Barbara, CA 93436

**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans Rail and Mass Transit  
1120 N Street, Room 3400  
Sacramento, Califor. 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Santa Maria Valley Railroad (SMVRR) Track Rehabilitation Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans HQ Division Rail and Mass Transit

Project Location - Specific:

**On SMVRR right-of-way in between the cities of Guadalupe and Betteravia**

Project Location - City: Guadalupe/Betteravia Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

**The project will rehabilitate 2 miles of rail track by replacing 1.6 miles of heavily worn, century-old light rail with modern, heavier rail with new ties and ballast.**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans HQ Rail and Mass Transit

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Betty Miller

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. 14 CCR 15260
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:


**The project will replace existing railroad tracks with new ties and ballast. The project will not have any impacts on biological, cultural, or hazardous waste materials given the avoidance measures and fits the Class 1 classification of a CE.**

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Thoa Le Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-269-0238

**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:  Date: 4/7/2021 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

▪ Signed by Lead Agency      Signed by Applicant

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: \_\_\_\_\_