



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Emergency Debris Tree Removal

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-001

PM/PM: 1.0/42.0

EA: 01-0M780

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is undergoing emergency work on highway 1 at Post Mile (PM) 1 - 42 pertaining to damage caused by a series of winter storms that brought record-breaking rain and winds to the area. On January 4, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to support the ongoing response to the recent winter storms throughout California. A Director’s Order was issued for this storm clean up on 1/11/2023. The scope of work includes tree removal, debris cleanup, removal of slide material, traffic control, erosion control and, as needed, in-kind repair of damaged facilities including guardrail, signs, fencing etc. Work began immediately after the storm damage in early January and should be concluded around 05/18/2023. This project is needed immediately to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life health property and essential services. The purpose of this project is to keep the roadways safely open to the public and repair the location to pre storm damage conditions. All proposed work is within Caltrans ROW.

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. – 15269(d))
- Categorically Exempt.** (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

Dominic Vitali

3/10/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Trevor Goff

3/10/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

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, 2022, 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)
Activity 4 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Dominic Vitali Signature 3/10/2023
Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Trevor Goff Signature 3/10/2023
Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 01/11/2023



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Continuation sheet:

Environmental Considerations:

Biological, cultural, visual, and hazardous waste and materials reviews been completed by qualified specialists. There are no significant environmental impacts associated with this project. No environmental permits are required for this project.

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