

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

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**Project Title:** Permit No. 19561: Installation of Fiber Optic Conduit

**Project Applicant (if any):** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The project is located where Interstate 5 bridges cross over Paradise Cut, in San Joaquin County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To install a 2-inch-diameter conduit carrying fiber optic cables attached to the bridge (parallel to an existing conduit) that crosses over Paradise Cut. The cables and conduit will go to existing pull boxes on both sides of the bridge and will continue landward on both sides.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** Caltrans

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15301, § 15303
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301) because the proposed activity consists of the installation of conduit carrying fiber optic cables attached to an existing bridge, extending between existing Caltrans pull boxes on both sides of the bridge. The project is also exempt under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15303) because the proposed activity consists of the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:**

Signature      Leslie M. Gallagher, Executive Officer

April 27, 2022

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Responsible Agency

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.