

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS:242
San Diego, CA. 92110

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Construct Detour - 43066

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 111, PM: 44.8 - 45.5, near the City of Niland, CA.

Project Location - City: Niland Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to detour SR-111 (PM 44.8 - 45.5) in Imperial County around a mud spring that is moving toward the highway. The project will involve road cut/fill, detours, disposal/borrow sites, equipment staging area, drainage/culverts, temporary easements, ground disturbance, and removal of vegetation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 1
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Maintenance of existing facilities with no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the CEQA determination.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shay Lynn M. Harrison Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-688-0190

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: [Signature] Date: 6/13/19 Title: Sr. Env. Planner

[X] 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: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

11 - IMP - 111 44.8 / 45.5 43066 1119000057
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M. E.A/Project No. Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Caltrans proposes to detour SR-111 (PM 44.8 - 45.5) in Imperial County around a mud spring that is moving toward the highway. The project will involve road cut/fill, detours, disposal/borrow sites, equipment staging area, drainage/culverts, temporary easements, ground disturbance, and removal of vegetation. All work is within State Right of Way. District 11, Environmental Division must be informed of any changes to the project. Please refer to the Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) for commitments that apply to this project.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- Not Applicable - Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
Not Applicable - Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

- 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].)]

Shay Lynn M. Harrison

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature: Shay Lynn M. Harrison Date: 6/13/19

Shawn Rizzuto

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature: Shawn Rizzuto Date: 06/13/19

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- 23 USC 326: The State 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). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)
Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State

- 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State 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.

N/A

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature Date

N/A

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature Date Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of ECR or equivalent: 6/13/19

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