

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

County Clerk
County of:

(Address)

Project Title: Remove Silt and Debris from Drainage Basin, 05-SB-1, PM 12.8, 05-1K620/0518000228

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific:

Santa Barbara County, south of Lompoc on SR 1at PM 12.8

Project Location - City: south of Lompoc

Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Remove silt and debris (~200 CY) accumulation in the drainage basin near the inlet of the culvert at Post Mile 12.8. Excavated material will be loaded and hauled off-site. Flow is now being impeded and may cause the culvert to back flow and enter the cattle pass on private property

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: Class I (d)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment, does not damage a scenic or historical resource, and will not be a significant cumulative effect.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Allison Donatello

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-542-4685

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 [X] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/7/19 Title: Assoc. Env. Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

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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:

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**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**

**Continuation Sheet**

<b>05-SB-1</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>05-1K62000/0518000228</b>	
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

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**Avoidance and/or Minimization Efforts:**

**Biology:**

Standard best management practices from Caltrans Standard Specifications 2015 shall be followed. Construction staging, material storage, and layout areas shall be limited to existing pullouts and previously paved areas only. The following avoidance and minimization measures will protect nesting bird species and special-status species that may be present in or near the project impact area:

1. **A Caltrans biologist** shall conduct a preconstruction survey and be on-site during initial ground disturbance. Should a special-status species be discovered, all work will stop until it is out of harm's way. Should a State listed species be found, all work will stop and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will be notified. Work may resume if the species leaves the work area or with CDFW permission. In the event that a federal listed species is found during work activities, all work that could affect the species will be stopped, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be notified, and work will only resume with their permission. Please contact District 5 Biologist Barrett Holland (805-549-3573) to arrange a pre-construction survey and to be on-site during initial ground disturbance.
2. **Nesting Birds:** To comply with the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and CDFG Code Sections 3503 and 3503.5, construction will occur between September 15 and February 15, to the extent possible, to avoid impacts to nesting birds. If construction is proposed for the breeding season, contact District 5 Biologist Barrett Holland (805-549-3573) to arrange a preconstruction survey at least two weeks prior to project start. If nesting activity is detected, Caltrans will, if possible, establish a buffer around the nest(s). The buffer will be maintained, and construction activities will avoid nest sites until the biologist determines that the young have fledged, or nesting activity has ceased. Typical buffers for nests include 250 feet for passerines and 500 feet for raptors.
3. **Vegetation** at the access point shall be driven over only and no grubbing shall occur. No tree removal is allowed; tree limbs shall be trimmed as necessary to provide equipment access.
4. **Sediment** removed shall be disposed in an upland area (i.e., staging area; refer to Exhibit 2 and 3 and/or hauled off site where it cannot re-enter a creek and will not affect a special-status species habitat.
5. **Aquatic Resources:** Measures shall be taken to avoid direct and indirect impacts to waterways and riparian habitat.
  - a. No work within streams or riparian zones shall occur during wet conditions. No work shall occur in a live stream. Work shall not be conducted if rain is forecast within 24 hours.
  - b. Standard best management practices shall be enacted to ensure that sediment and run-off do not occur.
  - c. Vehicles and equipment shall be checked and maintained daily, to prevent leaks of materials that if introduced to water could be deleterious to aquatic life.
  - d. Vehicles and Equipment shall be refueled at least 100 feet from the drainages within the project area. All refueling and equipment maintenance should be conducted away from waterbodies to avoid accidental contamination.
6. **Erosion Control / Vegetation Restoration:**
  - Erosion shall be controlled by one or a combination of the following: natural fiber matting and/or rolls, incorporating straw, applying a stabilizing emulsion, and seeding.
  - Only locally occurring native plants shall be used for erosion control and restoration.
  - Erosion control shall be placed on all disturbed slopes and material disposal sites.
  - Erosion control may contain any of the following: mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*); California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), purple sage (*Salvia leucophylla*), and California brome (*Bromus carinatus*).
7. **Storage Areas:** Material and equipment storage is restricted to existing unvegetated pull-outs and paved areas in the State right-of-way and not within the drip-line of coast live oak trees and outside of riparian corridors. Storage areas proposed by the contractor that are outside of the right-of-way shall be reviewed in advance by District 5 Biologist Barrett Holland (805-549-3573).
8. **Invasive Species:** To reduce the spread of invasive non-native plant species, Caltrans will implement the following protection measures to comply with Executive Order (EO) 13112:
  - a. Invasive plants are known on the project site, therefore any plant materials removed during construction will be contained and treated as trash and disposed of in a permitted landfill.

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