

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-ED-50 **43.6/43.7** **03-OJ780/0320000015**
 Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M. E.A/Project No. Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The purpose of the proposed project is to mitigate further slide activity. On February 11, 2017 a large slide event shut down US 50 for several weeks. The need is to prevent long term closure of the road, and to protect the traveling public. The proposed project is located in El Dorado County, on SR 50 from postmile 43.6 to 43.7.

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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 4. (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].)]

William Larson


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 Signature

9/20/19
 Date

Bao Vang

Print Name: Project Manager


 Signature

9/23/19
 Date

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)(7)**
 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.

William Larson


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Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer


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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 9/20/19

Date of ECR or equivalent: 9/20/19

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

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Continuation Sheet

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Project Description:

Caltrans is proposing to contain erosion debris outside of the current Caltrans Right-of-Way by (1) reconstructing a rock-lined ditch, (2) installing permanent erosion control, and (3) reestablishment of native plantings.

Construction Methods:

Rock placement/relocation will be accomplished with conventional construction equipment. Permanent erosion control will be accomplished by spraying from a truck parked either in the shoulder or from the top of the slope. Native plantings will be established with conventional equipment or by hand.

Staging:

East of the slide locations, there is a pullout area (eastbound side of highway) that allows for access to Alder Creek Road (US Forest Service). This pullout area may be used by the contractor for a staging area. At the same location, but on the westbound side of the highway there is another US Forest Service Road that permits access to the upper portion of the slope. These roads will also be used to access the site and to perform work. The access roads do not appear to need widening to perform work, but perhaps minor trimming of vegetation will be needed along these roads. Tree removal is not desired nor considered necessary.

Disposal/Borrow:

No borrow or disposal is required.

Right of Way:

All work will be outside Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Consultation/Coordination:

Continued coordination with the Forest Service through Valerie Smith.

Permits:

A Special Use Permit will be needed from the Forest Service.