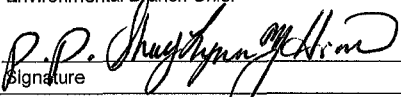
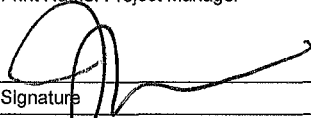


CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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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.)			
<p>ENCROACHMENT PERMIT #11-18-6-UT-0021. On Interstate 15 at the Gopher Canyon Road undercrossing the project proposes trenching 1,250 feet long, 42-inches deep and 18-inches wide to install 12kv PVC inside concrete encasements along Gopher Canyon Road from Old Highway 395/Champagne Blvd and under I-15. If there are any changes to the project activities or locations, Caltrans Environmental (619-688-0229) shall be contacted for further review. See Page 2 for Environmental conditions. No new Right of Way required.</p>			
CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency		<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class 5. (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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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].)]			
BRUCE APRIL		JOY L. LEE	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager	
			
Date: 1/8/2020		Date: 1/8/2020	
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(___) <input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(___) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.			
NOT APPLICABLE		NOT APPLICABLE	
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A		Date of ECR or equivalent : N/A	

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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BIOLOGY:

If vegetation removal is to take place during the bird breeding season (February 15 through August 31), a pre-construction survey must be completed by a qualified biologist. If nesting activity would take place during this time frame, then appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent impacts to nesting birds.

STORMWATER/NPDES:

Follow the approved WPCP prepared for this project.

HAZARDOUS WASTE/MATERIALS:

A hazardous waste concern for this project is aerially deposited lead (ADL). Per the guidance described in Section 407 of Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual, this project is categorized as "Excess Soil", which are projects that result in excess soil that cannot be reused within the work limits and needs to be transported and disposed of, outside of Caltrans' right-of-way, in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

The Permittee is responsible for proper identification (including sampling and analysis) and management of the excess soils that are removed and/or excavated from the work site.

It is the Permittee's responsibility to comply with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) ADL requirements for roadway soil management.

Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management Special Provisions (TR-0408) must be included in the permit. (See Appendix K of the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual).

A Lead Compliance Plan (LCP), prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), shall be prepared and implemented for all workers handling the soil.

VISUAL:

Exercise care in the demolition and construction of the improvements to avoid damage to existing vegetation, and other highway amenities located in or adjacent to the project area. If unanticipated resource impacts occur, notify the Visual analysis Unit (619-688-0226) to provide a further review of the propose project and provide guidance for any resulting modifications.