



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 10-AMA-88

PM/PM: 54.0

EA: 10-1J020

Federal-Aid Project Number: 1018000080

Project Description

The proposed project would construct a new generator building at the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station in Amador County off State Route 88. The new generator building would comply with current building codes and accommodate the needs of the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station crew. Proposed work will include upgrades to the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, building insulation, security, fire sprinkler systems, and additional storage space. The existing building would be demolished. This project is state-funded only.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

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

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 2.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the 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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Project Manager

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Caltrans 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). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

[] 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- [] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[] Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

[] 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

General

- This project is Categorical Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) unless 1) The scope of the project changes to include additional activities or areas; or 2) There is unforeseen discovery of sensitive or cultural resources.

Air Quality

- Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control" are required as part of all construction contracts and should effectively reduce and control emission impacts during construction.

Biology

- A "No Effect" determination was made for state-listed species under the California Endangered Species Act.
- There are large mature trees outside of, but adjacent to the project area. Standard Special Provision 14-6.03B will be included in the construction contract. The Resident Engineer will notify the Caltrans biologist at least 14 days prior to the start of construction so preconstruction surveys can take place, if construction activities occur within the migratory bird nesting season, February 1 – September 30. If migratory birds and raptors are observed nesting adjacent to the project area, buffers will be implemented by the Caltrans biologist.

Cultural

- The project has no potential to affect historic properties or historical resources eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Hazardous Waste

- The footprint for the new generator building will be on new, clean soil following the implementation of Caltrans project 10-1L650. The possibility of encountering contaminated soil is considered minimal.
- Caltrans Standard Special Provision, 14-11.14 will be added to the construction contract.

Noise

- The project is not a Type 1 project.
- Construction noise will be regulated by Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8.02 "Noise Control" which contains specifications relating to noise control:
 - Noise levels generated during construction will not exceed 86 dBA at 50 feet from job site activities from 9 PM to 6 AM.

Water Quality

- Best Management Practices will be selected during the Design and Construction phases of the project and implemented in accordance with the project planning and Design Guide.
- The contractor, as required in Caltrans Standard Specification Section 13-1 "Water Pollution" must address all potential water quality impacts that may occur during construction.