



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-KER-33/119

PM/PM: 34.2/40.0, R10.0/18.1

EA: 06-1B000

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A.

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes an overlay project in Kern County on State Route 33 from 0.1 miles north of the Route 58 Junction to 1.1 miles south of Lokern Road (PM 34.2/40.0), and on State Route 119 from Elk Hills Road to 0.1 miles west of Route 43 (PM R10.0/18.1). Work for the project includes applying a chip seal overlay, sealing cracks, and dig-outs. There would be no work off the paved roadway, no shoulder backing, and no new right-of-way would be required.

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 1.** (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].)

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6/3/2020

Print Name

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Date

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6/3/20

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Date

Environmental Commitments Record for EA 06-1B000_ / ID 0620000147

Last updated: 6/3/2020

EP: Alex Rangel 559-445-6315

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RE: _____

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Current Project Phase:

Permits

Permit	Agency	Date Submitted	Date Received	Expiration	Requirements Completed Name Date	Comments
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Commitments

Task and Brief Description	Source	SSP/ NSSP	Responsible Staff	Action to Comply	Task Completed Name Date	Remarks/Due Date
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PS&E/Before RTL

Biology

Include SSP 14-6.03 in construction contract	NES	SSP	Generalist, Biologist, Project Engineer, Office Engineer	Include SSP in construction contract		
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Pre-Construction

Biology

Pre-construction surveys 14-days prior to the start of construction	NES	SSP	Generalist, Biologist, Resident Engineer	RE to coordinate with biologist to coordinate surveys two-weeks before start of construction		
Pre-construction training for workers prior to the start of construction provided by Caltrans biologist	NES	SSP	Generalist, Biologist, Resident Engineer	RE to coordinate with biologist and schedule training prior to start of construction		

Construction

Biology

All construction work to occur within daylight hours	SSP	SSP	Generalist, Biologist, Resident Engineer			
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Add to the 1st paragraph of section 14-6.03A:

This project is within or near habitat for the regulated species shown in the following table:

Regulated Species
<u>San Joaquin kit fox (<i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i>)</u>
<u>Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>)</u>
<u>Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>)</u>
<u>Nelson's antelope squirrel (<i>Ammospermophilus nelsoni</i>)</u>
<u>Blunt-nosed leopard lizard (<i>Gambelia silus</i>)</u>
<u>Burrowing owl (<i>Athene cunicularia</i>)</u>

Replace item 1 in the 2nd paragraph of section 14-6.03A with:

1. Stop all work within a [150](#)-foot radius of the discovery except as shown in the following table:

Regulated species	Protective radius (feet)
<u>Tipton & Giant kangaroo rat (burrows)</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Nelson's antelope squirrel</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Blunt-nosed leopard lizard</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Burrowing owl</u>	<u>200</u>

Add to section 14-6.03A:

Species protection areas within the project limits are as specified in the following table:

Species Protection Areas	
Identification name	Location
<u>Species Protection Area 1</u>	<u>Entire project limits</u>

Comply with the following biological resource information requirements:

1. [Workers must receive a 1-hour maximum biological resource information training provided by the Department's biologist before performing onsite work. Workers include contractors, subcontractors, representatives, and other personnel who stay on the project site longer than 30 minutes.](#)
2. [Coordinate the training with the Engineer.](#)
3. [New workers starting on the job after the initial training must complete the training provided by the Department's biologist before entering the job site.](#)
4. [On completing the training, the workers must sign a form stating that they attended the training. Submit this form within 2 business days following each training session as an information submittal.](#)

Within [Species Protection Area 1](#), implement the following protection measures:

1. [All construction-related access must be kept within project limits and to existing highway and associated paved or graded shoulders or other designated areas clearly marked on the ground.](#)
2. [Project-related traffic shall observe a 20 mile per hour speed limit except on roads or highways open for public use.](#)
3. [If a dead, injured, or entrapped kit fox is found in Caltrans right-of-way the Contractor shall immediately notify the Engineer. All construction activity within 150 feet radius of the kit fox shall be halted and may not resume until authorized. Any entrapped kit fox shall be permitted to escape. No injured or dead kit fox or species in the species name table may be handled or otherwise disturbed.](#)
4. [If a kit fox den is discovered in Caltrans right-of-way, all construction activity within 150 feet radius of the den shall be halted and the Engineer shall be notified immediately. Work may not continue until authorized.](#)
5. [All construction activities will be conducted during daylight hours.](#)