

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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 No

Signature:  Date: 8/12/2020 Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-VAR-VAR

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 06-0Y490

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0618000228

Project Description

The purpose of the project is to upgrade existing, and install new, curve warning signs throughout all counties (Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera) in Caltrans District 6. A summary list of locations is attached. A detailed list of locations by route and post miles is in the project file. The project is needed to bring the signage up to current standards to be in compliance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for streets and highways. All work is within the existing state highway right-of-way.

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 (g).** (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

Som Phongsavanh

Print Name

Signature

8/6/2020

Date

Project Manager

Hussein Senan

Print Name

Signature

08/06/2020

Date



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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:

[X] 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:

- [X] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(8)
[] 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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Som Phongsavanh
Print Name
Signature
Date 8/6/2020

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Hussein Senan
Print Name
Signature
Date 08/06/2020

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 8/4/20
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 8/4/20

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:

Biology:

- Preconstruction surveys for nesting birds must be conducted if construction occurs between February 15th and September 1st.
- A 100-foot buffer shall be established around migratory bird active nests.

Project EA: Curve Study District 6

Project ID: FN-19108

County	Route	Number of Proposed Signs	Number of Proposed Posts	Number of Existing Sign Panels to be Removed	Number of Existing Posts to be Removed	Number of Curve Locations with Proposed Signs
FRE	33	19	13	6	3	4
KER	33	4	2	0	0	2
MAD	41	425	227	9	5	53
MPA	41	169	88	0	0	16
KER	43	16	14	2	1	2
KIN	43	0	0	0	0	0
TUL	43	7	5	10	12	2
MAD	49	51	26	14	10	5
KER	58	720	374	33	22	74
MER	59	17	10	11	9	5
FRE	63	109	57	14	7	11
TUL	63	34	17	14	7	6
FRE	99	0	0	0	0	0
KER	99	0	0	0	0	0
MAD	99	0	0	0	0	0
TUL	99	0	0	0	0	0
KIN	137	18	9	9	5	2
TUL	137	49	26	25	14	8
FRE	145	0	0	0	0	0
KER	155	2928	1481	54	27	310
FRE	168	1296	673	126	82	137
KER	178	683	370	113	66	84
FRE	180	1961	1008	20	14	216
TUL	180	112	56	0	0	7
TUL	190	2868	1444	4	2	355
FRE	198	454	246	62	42	50
TUL	198	106	53	13	8	16
TUL	201	50	27	11	5	6
TUL	216	122	69	40	28	12
FRE	245	976	490	4	2	112
TUL	245	1591	799	62	42	183
TOTAL		14785	7584	656	413	1678