



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-HUM-101

PM/PM: 6.75/33.05

EA: 01-48410

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0116000076

Project Description

The project proposes to rehabilitate six culverts on US 101 near Garberville in Humboldt County between post miles (PM) 6.75 and 33.05. Existing culverts were identified as being in poor condition, requiring full replacement, lining, and/or inlet and outlet repair. The culvert at PM 33.05 will be lined and the remaining five culverts will be replaced through the cut and cover construction method. Water diversions would be placed as needed utilizing a 3-inch tubing to divert water to a nearby inlet. Vegetation and tree removal may be required for this project.

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

Jason J. Meyer

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7/30/2020

Print Name

Signature

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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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/7/2020

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:

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- All work within the jurisdictional waters within the project area would be restricted to June 15 to October 15 of the construction season.
- Caltrans proposes to implement its standard maintenance and construction site best management practices (BMPs) and several Project Action-specific Additional Best Management Practices (ABMPs) to minimize the effects of the actions on ESA-listed species and their designated critical habitats.
- If nesting birds or roosting bats are found, removal of vegetation or nests would not be allowed until the nesting birds or roosting bats have vacated.
- Activities within the construction zone would be subject to regulatory agency constraints, including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB), United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), and others as applicable.
- No potential marbled murrelet or suitable northern spotted owl nesting trees would be removed during the nesting season (1 February to 15 September).
- No construction activities would occur within a visual line-of-sight for 131 feet or less from any known nest locations for northern spotted owl or marbled murrelet.
- To prevent attracting corvids, no trash or foodstuffs would be left or stored on-site. All trash must be deposited in a secure container and disposed of at an approved garbage facility. Also, on-site workers would not attempt to attract or feed any wildlife.
- At postmiles (PM), 25.44, 25.90, 28.17, and 33.05, between August 6th and September 15th, project activities exceeding 90 decibels (dB) – excluding backup alarms – would observe a daily work window beginning two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset.
- From August 16 to January 31, construction work windows would be lifted.
- BMPs to protect water quality.
- Treated wood waste will be addressed and managed.
- Earth material containing lead will be managed with a lead compliance plan.



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- Disturbed wetland and riparian areas would be revegetated, if required, with native riparian plants suitable for this area. A revegetation plan would be developed by a landscape architect, revegetation specialist and/or qualified biologist.