

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: Emiliano Pro Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: **Sep 14 2020**

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Attachment

Categorical Exemption Determination Form



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 02 – SHA – 44

PM/PM: R0.15 / R0.40

EA:02-1J530

Federal-Aid Project Number: 022000088

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to repair and replace right-of-way fencing along State Route 44 in Shasta County between post miles R0.15 and R0.40.

The purpose of the project is to provide a safe and well-maintained transportation facility for both the traveling public and Caltrans' maintenance personnel. The project is needed as the existing fencing has been damaged (cut and/or removed) for the purposes of creating, inhabiting, and accessing unsheltered encampments. The adverse impact of these encampments includes extensive landscape damage, deteriorating irrigation system conditions, drainage system damage, and the accumulation of hazardous waste. The presence of these encampments has resulted in increased maintenance costs and unsafe working conditions for Caltrans Maintenance personnel. **Continued on Page 3.**

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

Emiliano Pro	<i>Emiliano Pro</i>	8/25/2020
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Eric Akana	<i>Eric E. Akana</i>	8/25/20
Print Name	Signature	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:

- 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) - NA
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) - NA
- Activity - NA - 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: NA
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 8/20/2020

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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DETERMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet:

Project Description

The project would include installation of wrought iron fencing along State Route 44 in Shasta County, between Hilltop Drive and the Churn Creek Road Overcrossing and between the Churn Creek Road Overcrossing and In 'N Out restaurant (near Friendly Road) in an east/west direction and north/south from State Route 44 to Dana Drive.

Staging

Staging would occur in previously disturbed upland areas with State right-of-way.

Disposal/Borrow

Due to the nature of the project a borrow site would not be required. The existing fence would be demolished and disposed of at an approved disposal site.

Right-of-Way

This project would be completed within State right-of-way. No right-of-way acquisition would be required.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Caltrans has performed a review of resource records and databases.

Permits

Based on the proposed scope of work regulatory permits are not required.