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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: SAC

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans - District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: BUT 70 Camp Fire Culverts (03-0J720)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located on Route 70 in Butte County between post miles (PM) 34.7 and PM 39.3.

Project Location - City: Oroville

Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and operation of the drainage systems along SR 70. Fire-damaged culverts and deficient drainage systems, if left unaddressed, will cause roadway failure. In addition, burned vegetation on slopes poses a threat of erosion, debris flow, rockfall, and undermine slope stability.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: Class 2, Section 15301

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Replacement of existing system or facility; will be located on the same site as the replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Erin Damm

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 812-4371

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: Erin Damm

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Date: 2020.10.15 13:21:07 -07'00'

Date: _____

Title: Senior Env. Planner, M4

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: _____

Oct 15 2020

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-BUT-70

PM/PM: 34.7/39.3

EA: 03-0J720

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to permanently restore four damaged culverts in Butte County, on State Route (SR) 70, from post mile (PM) 34.70 to PM 39.30. The purpose of this major damage project is to improve safety and operation of the drainage systems along SR 70. This will be accomplished by permanent restoration of damaged culverts. Fire-damaged culverts and deficient drainage systems, if left unaddressed, will cause roadway failure. In addition, burned vegetation on slopes poses a threat of erosion, debris flow, rockfall, and undermine slope stability.

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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

Erin Damm

Erin D. Damm

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Project Manager

Christopher Ladeas

Christopher S Ladeas

10/15/2020

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:

[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:

[] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(N/A)

[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(N/A)

[X] Activity 2 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

Erin Damm

Print Name

Erin D. Damm

Signature

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Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Christopher Ladeas

Print Name

Christopher S Ladeas

Signature

10/15/2020

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 10/5/20

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/6/20

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:

Scope of work:

Location 1 (PM 34.72):

- Abandon fire-damaged culvert
- Install 36 inch Alternative Steel Pipe culvert by jack and bore method

Location 2 (PM 35.05):

- Abandon fire-damaged culvert
- Install 36 inch Alternative Steel Pipe culvert by open trench method

Location 3 (PM 35.07):

- Abandon fire-damaged culvert
- Install 36 inch Alternative Steel Pipe culvert by jack and bore method

Location 4 (PM 39.30):

- Abandon fire-damaged culvert
- Install 36 inch Alternative Steel Pipe culvert by open trench method
- Reset guardrail as needed

The scope of work also includes:

- Re-grade basin and roadway embankment for slope stability, erosion control, and debris flow
- Relocate existing utilities if they are conflict with the culvert construction
- Repair pavement failures resulting from fire-damaged culverts

Staging:

No staging areas will be needed.

Disposal/Borrow:

No excavation disposal or borrow sites will be needed.

Right-of-way:

Most of the planned work will be within Caltrans right-of-way.

A Temporary construction easement will be needed.

No right-of-way acquisitions required.

Consultation/Coordination:

Consultation occurred with the United States Forest Service due to the planned work at location 4.

Permits:

No permits required.