



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-PLA-80

PM/PM: 46.4-50.7

EA: 03-2G190

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate existing roadside elements along Interstate 80 between post mile (PM) 46.4-50.7 in Placer County. The purpose of the project is to mitigate erosion concerns within the roadway. This project is needed to prevent further erosion of the roadway embankment. The scope of work includes replacing shoulder backings, dike work, reattaching culverts, and installing RSP as needed. The work will be done from the shoulder, or by taking the adjacent lane during traffic control. Without such rehabilitation, the roadway would be at risk of failure at the embankment and shoulder.

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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Mundeep Purewal	<i>Mundeep Purewal</i>	11/3/20
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

	<i>Jennifer Key</i>	11/3/2020
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:

[] 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, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10-28-2020

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:

Project Description, *continued*

Staging

There will not be staging on this project.

Disposal/Borrow

Due to the nature of the project, a borrow site would not be required.

Right of Way

This project would be completed within Caltrans right of way.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of the work, and due to the nature of the project Caltrans will not be requiring consultation work, or agency coordination.

Permits

Based on the proposed scope of work there will not be any permits on this project.