



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
DIST-CO-RTE: 03-GLE-5	PM/PM: R14.4/R14.7
EA: 03-2H510	Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A
<u>Project Description</u>	
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to upgrade the lighting at the Willows Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) in Glenn County, on Interstate 5 from postmile (PM) R14.4 to PM R14.7.	
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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 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

Erin Damm	<i>Erin Damm</i>	12/15/2020
Print Name	Signature	Date

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)(N/A)

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

Activity N/A 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: N/A

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:

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing pedestrian and parking lot lighting and install a new conduit system at the northbound and southbound Willows SRRA. This project will reduce the instances of closures due to an inoperable lighting system as well as reduce maintenance repair costs.

Need:

The pedestrian and parking lot lighting on the northbound and southbound sides of the Willows SRRA are in poor condition due to age. The existing lighting and conduit systems are outdated, causing frequent SRRA closures due to lighting repairs. Replacement parts have become expensive and difficult to obtain.

Scope of work:

- Remove and salvage existing pedestrian and parking lot lighting fixtures
- Install 40 new poles
- Install new light fixtures
- Install a new conduit system

Staging:

All staging will take place within Caltrans right-of-way.

Right-of-Way:

All work will take place within the Caltrans right-of-way.

Disposal/Borrow:

No excavation disposal or borrow sites will be needed.

Consultation and Agency Coordination:

No consultation or coordination required.

Permits:

No permits are required.