



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 11/2020)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Hwy 49 Drainage Improvements

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-49

PM/PM: 16.07/16.24

EA: 03-0J940

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director's Order to repair drainage problems on State Route (SR) 49 in El Dorado County from postmile 16.07 to postmile 16.24. The purpose of the project was to 1) provide a safe and well-maintained transportation facility for the traveling public; and 2) to prevent further damage to property owners. The project was needed as culvert failure from the 2018-2019 storm events caused hydraulic interception and drainage conveyance systems on SR 49 west of Combellack Road to become overwhelmed by debris and stormwater, resulting in excess stormwater overtopping the berm on the south side of SR 49 and flowing into private property. **(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 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

Rajpreet Bihala	<i>Rajpreet Bihala</i>	1/29/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Thurman	<i>Anthony Thurman</i>	1/29/2021
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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] Not Applicable

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



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Continuation sheet:

This project improved drainage functions by creating larger roadside ditches on both sides of the highway, removing and replacing an undersized cross culvert, installing a new headwall, abandoning an existing culvert, installing a dike, installing driveway culverts, and removing a drainage inlet. Traffic control and other incidental work was required in order to complete the project.

Staging occurred in previously disturbed areas within state right of way.

There was no disposal that required a borrow site.

No consultation or agency coordination required.

No permits required.