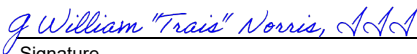

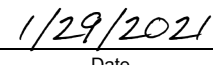


CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-FRE-41,180 (R23.25/29.45; 58.4)	06-1C140/0621000091	
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use <i>Continuation Sheet, if necessary.</i>)		
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair damaged side slopes due to homeless people excavating into the slopes. The excavations vary in size, but many of these holes or caves are extensive and pose a threat to the state highway system, the traveling public, and the homeless if they were to collapse. The proposed project will be to import borrow fill material, backfilling/compacting operations, the placement of a 6" layer of mulch, and traffic control. All construction activities will be within our State Right-of-Way. No additional right of way is required.		
CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)		
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law. • There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time. • There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. • This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway. • This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List"). • This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. 		
CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.) Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. General Rule 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 (CCR 15061[b][3].)]		
Trais Norris Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief	Daniel Chapa Print Name: Project Manager	
 Signature	1/27/2021 Date	 Signature
 Signature	1/29/2021 Date	
NEPA COMPLIANCE		
In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and • has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b). 		
CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 USC 326: The State 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). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c) () <input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)() <input type="checkbox"/> Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State 		
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State 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.		
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner	Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer	
Signature	Signature	
Date	Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 8/10/2018		Date of ECR or equivalent: 8/2/18

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist,

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet**

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Bird Protection Special Provision

- A preconstruction survey for migratory birds and raptors will be required fourteen (14) days prior to start of construction. If construction occurs during the avian nesting season (Feb 1-Sept 30), Caltrans Biology conduct a preconstruction survey for nesting birds. If found, a 100-foot buffer shall be established around migratory bird active nests. If an active raptor nest is observed, then a 500-foot protective buffer shall be established around the nest until the young have fledged. If it is necessary to encroach into any protective buffer, then monitoring and coordination with the Caltrans Biologist will be necessary.

Hazardous Waste Special Provision

- A lead compliance plan is required. The estimated cost to include the LCP is \$3,000.
- Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead shall be added to the construction contract.

Water Quality

- If the project disturbs less than one acre of soil, a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) is required to be prepared by the contractor following the Caltrans 2018 Standard Specification Section 13-1 – Water Pollution.

Noise

- Short term construction noise impacts need to be addressed in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specs section 14-8 and if night work is anticipated design needs to fill out form SSP 14-8.02

Air

- A Dust Control Plan (DCP) is needed if at least 2,500 cubic yards of material are moved in a day for at least three days of the project or 5 or more acres of land will be disturbed during construction

Paleontology

- If unanticipated fossil discovery occurs during construction, Specification 14-7.03 of the 2018 Standard Specifications identifies the procedures required to protect the resource.