

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans  
855 M Street, Suite 200  
Fresno, CA 93720

(Address)

Project Title: Plainsburg-Arboleda Mitigation

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific:

At the Le Grand Interchange on State Route 99.

Project Location - City: Merced

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would plant, irrigate and maintain 339 trees to address mitigation requirements. It would also install silhouettes of extinct Columbian mammoths to the Le Grand and Plainsburg freeway overpass fences.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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 3

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is a landscape project and a previously constructed project and would be a minor alteration to the land.

Lead Agency


Contact Person: Jennifer Lugo

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6172

**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:  Date: 03/1/21 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

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: \_\_\_\_\_