



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-162

PM/PM: 8.2

EA: 01-0A131

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

Caltrans is planning to conduct a geotechnical design investigation for the Eel River Bridge (Br. # 10-0236) located in Mendocino County on State Route 162, Postmile (PM) 8.2. The purpose of the investigation is to assess subsurface conditions. This investigation is needed to identify proper foundation upgrades. Two borings will be drilled next to existing piers into the riverbed. Boring depths are not expected to be more than 100 feet.

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 6.** (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].)

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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:

[X] 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)

[X] Activity 7 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.

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Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 3/9/21



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Continuation sheet:

Air, biological, cultural, water quality and hazardous waste reviews have been completed, and there will be no significant impact with the incorporation of the measures identified below.

Permits required for this project:

- U.S Army Corps of Engineers 404
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board 401
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1602

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- Geotechnical drilling will take place June 15- Oct 15.
- A biologist would monitor geotechnical activities as necessary.
- Sensitive plant communities and areas underneath the bridge would be flagged to be avoided as necessary.