

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: Merced

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1H250: Merced SR-99 Landscape Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located on the northbound State Route (SR) 99 on-ramp and off-ramp at the Hammatt Ave. overcrossing (post mile 28.7 to post mile 29.3), in Livingston, Merced County.

Project Location - City: Livingston Project Location - County: MER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation proposes reestablishing the landscaping on the NB SR-99 On-ramp and Off-ramp at the Hammatt Ave. overcrossing, in Livingston. In 2016, a fire burned most of the vegetation and irrigation system at these locations. The project proposes trenching to repair and replace the irrigation lines, and planting drought-resistant plants and a local seed mix. The purpose of this project is to restore visible features and the irrigation system that were damaged in the fire. The project is needed to ensure functionality of the irrigation system and landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: Existing Facilities Section 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, any cultural or scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

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: _____ Title: Associate 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 _____