

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: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: Dana L Cota Date: _____ Title: _____

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: _____

ATTACHMENT

Categorical Exemption Determination Form



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): Boonville Yard Water Line	
DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-128	PM/PM: 28.09/28.09
EA: 01-0L130	Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A
<u>Project Description</u>	
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to make repairs to a leaking pipe at the Boonville Maintenance Station in Mendocino County, near post mile 28.09. The purpose of this emergency project is to restore the maintenance station to a safe and operational condition. The project is needed as an underground pipe is leaking. The leaky pipe is located near the main office building and supplies water to the maintenance facilities, Caltrans special crew facilities, and other buildings accessed by staff and used to house equipment in the yard. Maintenance forces have made a temporary fix that only slows the leak and are unable stop the leak. The pipes are in extremely poor condition and represent a threat to the facility. The leaking pipe is wasting water, pumping pavement (water moving up through the asphalt causing undermining of the base and subgrade materials and premature asphalt failure), and has the potential to contaminate</p>	
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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

Mundeep Purewal	<i>Mundeep Purewal</i>	6/2/21
_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Sherry Constancio	<i>Sherry Constancio</i>	6/3/21
_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date



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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)(Enter activity number)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[] Activity Enter activity number 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 (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 06/01/2021

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

the water supply to the maintenance station. There may also be potential risks to accessing water by fire-fighting personnel. The existing damaged pipe has exceeded its service life and is substandard compared to today's standards.

The proposed solution is to repair/replace the existing pipe. Repairing underground pipes is outside the expertise of Caltrans maintenance crews and with this project's complexities and failed condition, has grown beyond capacity of the crew to resolve. Replacing this water pipe has several concerns including its subsurface location, lack of as-built plans or pipe markers, its direct proximity to other utilities (radio and electrical), and its unknown length. Caltrans maintenance staff are not trained to work under these sensitive conditions and are not equipped to repair other utilities if they are damaged in the process.

The new water line will be installed based on current standards and any lateral connections will be repaired as required. The two-inch water main line will be constructed per specifications and valves will be installed in valve boxes to isolate and turn off water to laterals should leaks occur in the future. The laterals will be replaced, and other related work will be completed to ensure a properly functioning system. Following completion of the water line rehabilitation, minor concrete paving will be required to return the yard to its preexisting condition or equivalent.

Emergency repairs are being made to minimize further damage to water system infrastructure and adjacent buildings, ensure employee health and safety, and ensure fire prevention/fighting needs can be met. The scope of work includes the following components:

- Repair/replacement of water line and laterals
- Modifications/rehabilitation to the water supply system and appurtenances as necessary to meet current standards

Staging

If required, all staging would occur entirely within the Caltrans right-of-way.

Disposal/Borrow

Based on the scope of the work and due to the nature of the project, a disposal/borrow site would not be required.

Right-of-Way

This project would be completed within State right-of-way.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Based on the scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination would not be required.

Permits

Based on the scope of work, regulatory permits would not be required.