



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 11/2020)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Acorn Lane Culverts

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 02-TRI-299

**PM/PM:** 38.1/47.5

**EA:** 02-1J980

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0221000015

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding, is proposing to repair or replace six culverts along State Route 299 in Trinity County from post mile 38.1 through 47.5. The purpose of the project is to bring the culverts up to current Caltrans standards. The project is needed because the inverts of the pipes have corroded, lowering their ability to efficiently and safely transfer water and debris across roadways.

Culvert locations and descriptions are found in Table 1.

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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 Class 1(c).** (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**

Julie McFall		7/1/21
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Eric Akana		7/1/21
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

NA Print Name, NA Signature, NA Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA Print Name, NA Signature, NA Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: NA
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/1/21

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:

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**Table 1. Locations of Work and Proposed Improvements**

County	State Route	Location (Post Mile)	Proposed Improvements
Trinity	299	38.11	Replace 12" culvert with 18". Cut and cover. Install standard grated metal pipe (GMP) inlet.
Trinity	299	40.30	Replace 18" culvert with 24". Cut and cover.
Trinity	299	41.39	Replace 30" culvert with 30". Cut and cover, remove existing fence to access culvert outlet.
Trinity	299	42.78	Liner or replace 24" culvert with 24". Cut and cover.
Trinity	299	45.77	Replace 18" culvert with 24". Cut and cover. Install standard grated metal pipe (GMP) at inlet.
Trinity	299	47.43	Replace 18" culvert with 24". Cut and cover.

### **Traffic Control**

One way reversing methodology will be utilized.

### **Right-of-Way**

Work will be completed within Caltrans Right of Way. Two culverts, located at 38.11 and 47.43, are within the State's Right of Way grant from BLM. A fence may need to be removed in order to access a culvert outlet. An encroachment permit may be needed.

### **Staging/Stockpiling**

Staging would occur on the roadway or in existing pullouts along the right-of-way within the project limits. Most culvert work will be done from the roadway; if work is needed at culvert inlets/outlets, vegetation removal and earth disturbing activities related to equipment access and staging would be minimal.

### **Disposal/Borrow Sites**

Disposal or borrow sites are not needed for this project.

### **Utilities**

All utilities in proximity to the locations of work would be protected in place; no utility conflicts are anticipated.

### **Additional Tasks**

There is a fence that intersects the culvert at PM 41.39. The fence is within Caltrans Right of Way, but it is anticipated that a section of the fence will need to be removed in



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order to complete the culvert replacement. When the culvert replacement at PM 41.39 is complete, the section of removed fence will be replaced by Caltrans.