



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-101

PM/PM: 43.10-49.00

EA: 01-26200

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0100000005

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) intends to sale 3 parcels (APN# 007-032-14 – Harms, APN# 108-040-19 – Huffman Parcel, APN# 007-100-08 – Shell Lane) located in the Willits / Little Lake Valley in Mendocino County. These parcels were originally purchased for use as potential mitigation for the Willits Bypass project, but ultimately, were not needed. This property is no longer required for Right of Way, or other operational purposes, and is considered surplus land by Caltrans.

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 12.** (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

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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:

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

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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 relinquishment of surplus land is considered a discretionary action under CEQA; therefore, technical studies should be prepared to support the finding for a CEQA Categorical Exemption. NEPA is not triggered.

Biology

- No impact to any natural resource or sensitive species is anticipated to result from the relinquishment of these five parcels according to the NESMI.

Cultural Resources

- Based on the Historical Resources Compliance Report (HRCR) No properties eligible for listing on the National Register or the California Register are located on the Harms Parcel. No archaeological sites or architectural resources are located on the Harms Parcel (APN# 007-032-14 – Harms).
- Based on the HRCR No properties eligible for listing on the National Register or the California Register are located on the Huffman Parcel. No archaeological sites or architectural resources are located on the Huffman Parcel (APN# 108-040-19 – Huffman Parcel).
- Based on the HRCR No properties eligible for listing on the National Register or the California Register are located on the Shell Lane Parcel. No archaeological sites or architectural resources are located on the Shell Lane Parcel (APN# 007-100-08 – Shell Lane).

Hazardous Waste

- Caltrans hazardous waste staff reviewed the proposed project in February 2021 and determined that no significant hazardous waste/materials were identified.

Permits

- No Permits will be required for this project.