



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): Dales Corner Overlay	
DIST-CO-RTE: 02/TEH/36	PM/PM: 56.0/60.5
EA: 02-2J450	Federal-Aid Project Number: 0221000079
<u>Project Description</u>	
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, is proposing to restore the roadway to a condition that requires minimal maintenance. The project will apply a 0.10' overlay of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) over approximately 4 miles of SR 36 in Tehama County (PM 56.0/60.5). All work will be confined within the existing roadbed hinge point. Removal of thermoplastic pavement markings and cold planing of existing surface will be required to match existing features. No overlay work will be performed on bridge decks. Shoulder backing will be placed on existing shoulders to bring it up to the new asphalt level. Continued on page 3.</p>	

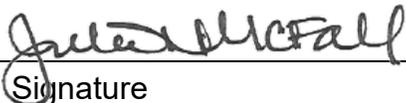
Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- 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		10/8/21
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Brandon Trent		10/13/21
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: 10/8/21

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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Purpose: The purpose of the project is to provide efficient, easily maintained pavement that provides minimum maintenance for multiple years, as well as increase safety for travelers and workers.

Need: The existing roadway is in a poor condition with localized areas of severe distress. Routine maintenance has not been sufficient to maintain an adequate road surface.

Right-of-Way

Acquisitions or TCEs will not be needed for this project due to work being confined to ROW.

Staging/Stockpiling

Multiple locations have been environmentally cleared for staging/stockpiling use. No grading and/or site preparation will occur. Approved locations: PM 56.01, PM 56.53, PM 57.25, PM 59.80. No parking or staging should occur within a 20 ft buffer from the drip line of the elderberry bush located at PM 59.80.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

The project would not utilize borrowed material. If any excess material is generated, it will become the property of the contractor.

Biology

Elderberry bushes are located at PM 59.36 and PM 59.80. The elderberry bush at PM 59.36 is on the hinge point of the westbound lane; a flag boundary will be established around the elderberry bush to limit work near the bush. The elderberry bush at PM 59.80 is located in the westbound turnout; ESA fencing will be placed to limit parking and staging within 20 feet of the drip line of the bush.

Cultural/Consultation

To identify potential cultural resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, a field review of the project area was completed by cultural staff. No impacts to cultural resources are anticipated.

Utilities

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