

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans District 3  
703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: North Colusa Culvert Rehabilitation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 03

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 45 in Colusa County between postmiles 21.09-25.62

Project Location - City: Colusa, CA

Project Location - County: Colusa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair or replace 9 culverts at various locations in Colusa County along SR 45 between postmiles 21.09 and 25.62. The purpose of the project is to deliver a culvert rehabilitation project that removes and replaces failed culverts and repairs damaged culverts using CIPP lining. This project is needed as addressing deficient culverts will increase functionality, improve drainage patterns, and keep the roadway safe. This project will be completed entirely within state right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 03

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 03

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: 15301; Existing Facilities

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project meets 15301 criteria consisting of "...the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use."

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Rajpreet Bihala

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-812-4236

**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: Rajpreet Bihala Date: 10/21/2021 Title: Acting Branch Chief

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: \_\_\_\_\_



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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** North Colusa Culvert Rehab Project

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-COL-45

**PM/PM:** 21.09-25.62

**EA:**03-2G470

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0321000216

**Project Description**

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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**

Kelly McNally

*Kelly McNally*

10/14/2021

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Project Manager**

Jennifer Key

*Jennifer Key*

10/19/2021

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): n/a

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/28/2021

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:**

**Staging**

If required, staging would occur within Caltrans right of way.

**Right-of-Way**

This project would be completed within State right-of-way. No right of way acquisition would be required.

**Consultation and Agency Coordination**

Based on the proposed scope of the work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination are not required for this project.

**Permits**

Based on the proposed scope of work, regulatory permits are not required.