

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: Amador  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1N880: Caldor Fire DO Avalanche Control System Repairs

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
The project is located on State Route (SR) 88 in Amador County from post mile (PM) R69.0 to 70.0.

Project Location - City: Kirkwood Project Location - County: AMA

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation proposes an emergency project to address damages caused to the avalanche control system by the Caldor Fire. On 08/17/2021 a Governor’s Proclamation of State of Emergency was signed and on 09/12/2021 a Presidential Disaster Declaration was approved for the Caldor Fire. The scope includes replacing the damaged oxygen and propane supply lines that run from the existing fuel shelters to the existing avalanche exploder sites. The purpose of the project is to immediately restore function to the avalanche control system prior to the upcoming winter season. The project is needed to help control avalanche activity and prevent the loss or impairment of life, property, or essential public services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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 Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:  
The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

**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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 10/21/2021 Title: Associate Environmental Planner  
 Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.