

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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

Project Title: Middle River Bridge Dolphin Replacement

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located at the Middle River Bridge (No. 29-0049) on State Route (SR) 4 at Post Mile (PM) 4.4, in San Joaquin County.

Project Location - City: Stockton Project Location - County: SJ

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes replacing a dolphin structure at the Middle River Bridge. The existing dolphin structure at Pier 5 was severely damaged by a fire. The scope of work includes removing the existing fire-damaged timber piles and installing a new dolphin structure comprised of six new timber piles and navigational signs. All work will occur within existing Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of restoring the dolphin function is to prevent marine vessels from colliding with Pier 5 of the bridge structure. The project is needed to ensure the functionality of the Middle River Bridge and safety of travelers across the river.

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: Existing Facilities section 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitats, 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: 11/09/2021 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_