

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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

Project Title: 1N970: TMS Improvements in Calaveras, Merced, and Tuolumne Counties

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

Project Limits: Calaveras County on SR-49 at Post Mile (PM) 8.33; Merced County on SR-99, 152, and 120 at various PMs; and Tuolumne County on SR-120 at PMs 24.65 and 29.25.

Project Location - City: VAR Project Location - County: VAR

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes upgrading the Traffic Management System (TMS) equipment at various locations. The scope of work includes replacement of cabinets and controllers using hand tools and possibly a truck-mounted crane. The existing foundation for the cabinets and/or controllers may also be replaced. All work will occur within Caltrans existing Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to improve real-time communication regarding existing traffic conditions to both Caltrans and the traveling public. The project is needed to ensure safe operation of the State Highway System.

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 \_\_\_\_\_