

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**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:     *Gail St John*        Date: \_\_\_\_\_    Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Sac 51 & Sac 160 Separation Clean CA Beautification and Safety

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-SAC-51

**PM/PM:** 3.63

**EA:** 03-2J830

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0322000104

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to make improvements at the State Route (SR) 51 and SR160 separator in the City of Sacramento between post miles at PM 3.63. The proposed improvements would be made in response to the Clean California State Beautification Program of 2021 authorized under Assembly Bill 149. (See Continuation Sheet)

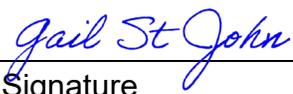
**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)

- 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**

Gail St. John		12/7/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Clark Peri		12/08/2021
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

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A – See attached

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:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to advance equity for underserved communities by enhancing the appearance of the facilities at the SR 51/SR 160 separator and increase safety by preventing unauthorized access into the bridge through the soffit and addressing erosion issues on the slopes.

The SR 51/SR 160 separator structure soffit access was breached, creating a public hazard if someone enters the structure. The slopes of the abutment show signs of erosion from water draining off the bridge.

The proposed Clean CA 2021 project includes the following improvements at that SR 51/SR 160 separator:

- Install locking soffit access doors (4) at bridge number 24-130L only (safety improvement)
- Install slope paving with enhanced beautification details at embankments along SR 160 at both bridge numbers 24-130L and 24-130R (beautification and safety enhancement)
- Apply aesthetic paint on bridge barrier and abutments (beautification)
- Install art sculptures (6) adjacent to bridges (beautification)

All work would occur within existing Caltrans right-of-way.

### **Environmental Commitments:**

Cultural Resources: None - Screened Undertaking memo (C. Buitenhuis 11/9/21)

Biology: None - Qualifies for Programmatic No Effect (K. Russo 11/8/21)

Hazardous Materials: ISA – Potential for aeri ally deposited lead, thermoplastic/paint stripe/pavement marking, and treated wood waste (A. Mangat 11/22/21). The proposed project is not within or impacting any site on the Cortese List.

Include the following SSPs and costs in the construction contract and BEES:

- SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii)\_unregulated earth material containing lead
- SSP 36-4\_ containing lead from paint and thermoplastic
- SSP 14-11.14\_ treated wood waste
- \$3,000 for Lead Compliance Plan (Item 070030)
- Treated Wood Waste Fees (if any)

# 2J830 Clean CA #7 Sac 51 CE

Final Audit Report

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