



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Donner SRRA Waterline

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-NEV-80

**PM/PM:** R5.6/R5.6

**EA:** 1J400

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a project at the eastbound and westbound Donner Summit Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) in Nevada County on Route 80. The purpose of this project is to provide standard potable water and sewer lines for the continued reliability of the Donner Summit SRRA. The existing potable water and sewer lines at Donner Summit SRRA have reached the end of their life cycle, increasing the risk of failure.

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**Caltrans CEQA Determination**

- 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**

Julia K. Green	<i>Michael Burlison</i>	Signed for Julia Green	12/09/21
Print Name	Signature		Date

**Project Manager**

Sean M. Shaw	<i>Sean M. Shaw</i>		12/09/21
Print Name	Signature		Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination

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



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**Continuation sheet:**

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**Scope of work:**

The project proposes to re-sleeve the existing crossover and replace all the components in the existing crossover (potable water, sewer, PG&E electrical and AT&T telephone). A new back-flow preventer will be installed along the fire suppression system at the municipal connection point.

All work and staging will occur within the Caltrans right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW is required.

Based on the scope of work and due to the nature of the project, no consultation or coordination is required.

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