

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

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

Project Title: 1P230: DO Fire Damaged Irrigation Facility Repairs

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
The project is located on State Route (SR) 99 from post mile (PM) 15.95 to 16.00, in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Merced Project Location - County: MER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Director’s Order project to repair and replace irrigation equipment that was damaged in an uncontrolled fire on State Route (SR) 99, from post mile 15.95 to 16.00, in Merced County. The scope of work includes replacing the existing, fire-damaged irrigation booster pump and enclosure, irrigation controller and enclosure, security fencing and access gate, and communication antenna. All work will occur within Caltrans existing right of way. The purpose of this project is to restore function to the irrigation system. The project is needed to prevent further deterioration and total loss of the existing landscaping along SR-99.

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: 01/06/2022 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.