

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Kern

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 9
500 South Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

(Address)

Project Title: Cache Creek and Keene Scales CMS - Geotech boring

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

There are two proposed locations on State Route 58: postmile 81.0 & postmile 105.6.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In support of a proposed project to replace existing changeable message signs (CMS) in Kern County, Caltrans proposes to perform geotechnical boring to assess the subsurface soil structure at two locations on State Route 58 (Cache Creek Scales CMS, PM 81.0; Keene Scales CMS, PM 105.6). One (1) exploratory boring will occur at each location. The maximum depth of the borings will not exceed 60 feet. All work will occur within existing Caltrans right-of-way.

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: Class 15306.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

After a review of the proposed project (including project site visits) and with the planned implementation of avoidance and minimization measures, it has been determined that no known environmental resources will be impacted by the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ryan Spaulding Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-937-1556

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:  Date: 1/18/22 Title: Assoc. Env 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: _____