

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
2015 E. Shields Ave. Suite 100  
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: Wheeler Ridge CAPM

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
Interstate 5 in Kern County, from the Grapevine Undercrossing Bridge to the Route 5/99 Separation Bridge

Project Location - City: Wheeler Ridge and Project Location - County: KER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Caltrans Right of Way Utility Engineering unit has contracted American Integrated Services, Inc., to perform Potholing (Positive Location of Underground Facilities) for the Wheeler Ridge CAPM project. The proposed potholing work includes drilling 6-10 holes, 6-8 inches in diameter, with a maximum depth of 6 feet within the Caltrans right-of-way. The purpose of the action is to positively identify underground utilities that may be in conflict with the project during construction.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: Class 6

Reason why project is exempt:

The proposed work is for research purposes and would be performed within Caltrans right-of-way.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: G. William Norris Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 601-3521

**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: *G. William "Traid" Norris, AEA* Date: 1/31/2022 Title: Senior 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 \_\_\_\_\_