

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: _____

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:
Near Wheeler Ridge from Grapevine Undercrossing to Route 5/99 Separation, between post miles 10.2 and R15.9

Project Location - City: Arvin, CA Project Location - County: KERN

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans would preserve the existing pavement on mainline I-5 in both directions. The project would remove and replace existing failed slabs in the travel lanes with rapid strength concrete. Ramp and shoulder work will consist of 0.25 feet of cold plane of existing asphalt concrete and replace with 0.15 feet of hot mix asphalt Type A, and with 0.10 feet of rubberized hot mix asphalt gap graded Type G, stopping short of the ramp termini. Other work includes installing inside and outside shoulder rumble strip, upgrading existing drainage system, dikes, roadside signs, Intelligent Transportation Systems elements and rehabilitating existing lighting systems. No right of way would be acquired and there is no night work.

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 1c
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

This project would upgrade both existing roadway and drainage systems with no right of way acquisition.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: G William "Trais" Norris III 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 "Trais" Norris, A.A.* Date: 6/16/2022 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 _____