



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Calaveras County Bridge Geotechnical Site Investigation

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 10-CAL-12

**PM/PM:** 17.1/17.5

**EA:** 10-0X7401

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 1013000008

**Project Description**

The parent project (10-0X740) proposes to replace the existing North Fork Calaveras River Bridge, realign the roadway on SR12 from PM 17.1 to PM 17.5, and widen to 12-foot lanes with 8-foot shoulders. The project proposes to install a new bridge (Bridge 30-0007) on the north side of the existing alignment, founded on 42-inch Cast in Drilled Hole piles at the two bents (piers) and 24-inch CIDH piles at the two abutments.

10-0X7401: The Office of Geotechnical Design is planning to perform subsurface investigation work for site geotechnical engineering characterization of the project area. The subsurface investigation program will involve drilling, visual logging, in-situ testing, and sampling of soil and rock from borings at the proposed bridge site.

**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)

- 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 4.** (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**

Jaycee Azevedo

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**Project Manager**

Chris Burlaza

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Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(24)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(l)
Activity 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Chris Burlaza
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Date 7/6/2022

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 6/30/2022
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/30/2022

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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### **Continuation sheet:**

#### ***General***

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) the subsurface investigation work is Categorically Excluded, and under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) it is Categorically Exempt. Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previous unknown biological, cultural, or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact District 10 Environmental Branch Chief if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.

#### ***Biological Resources***

A California Fish and Game Code Section 1600 Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement will be necessary for this subsurface investigation work. The work will comply with the environmental requirements of this permit agreement.

#### ***Cultural Resources***

Archaeological monitoring will be necessary during the subsurface investigation work. If cultural resources are discovered, work will be stopped until the archaeological monitor is able to assess the resources.