



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Donner Pass Generator

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-NEV-80

PM/PM: 18.8/18.8

EA: 5T400 suffix 211001

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a District Director's Order to replace the failed generator system at the Donner Pass Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF) on Interstate 80 near postmile 18.8 in Nevada County. A failed generator was reported on the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Donner Pass CVEF. Donner Pass CVEF is a Class A facility strategically located at the port of entry to California from the State of Nevada. This facility is required to remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. More than 600,000 commercial motor vehicles pass through the facility each year.

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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 2.** (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

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Thurman	<i>Anthony Thurman</i>	4/6/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] 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, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- [] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[] Activity Enter activity number 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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A



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Continuation sheet:

Description (Continued from page 1)

Office of Electrical, Mechanical, Water, and Wastewater Engineering (EMWW) staff assessed the site and concluded the existing generator is not operational and will not be able to support the facility during power outage. The existing generator system must be replaced immediately. This project is needed to avoid failure or threat of failure to the transportation system, which can result in the loss or impairment of life, health, or property.

The scope of work includes remove and dispose existing generator, dispose fuel inside existing bulk fuel tank; provide design plan, install spare generator with new automatic transfer switch, upgrade electrical system, and incidental work.

Right-of-Way

All work is anticipated to occur at the CHP Donner Pass Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility.

Borrow/Disposal

It is anticipated that a borrow site will not be required.

Consultation/Coordination

Based on the scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation or coordination was not required.

Permits

Based on the scope of work, regulatory permits were not required.