



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Nye Creek Bridge

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-GLE-162

**PM/PM:** 51.69/51.69

**EA:** 2J490

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a District Director's Order to alleviate the scour issue under the Nye Creek Bridge (Bridge Number: 11-0088) at post mile (PM) 51.69 along State Route (SR) 162 in Glenn County. Severe scour was reported under the bridge. Damage assessment estimated the cavity is about 8-ft by 12-ft (horizontal penetration) downstream. The undermining is about 20-ft from the bridge. Upstream of the bridge, the cutoff wall is exposed vertically for 3.5-ft maximum. The scour issue must be addressed in order prevent further erosion and undermining. This project was 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.

(Continued on page 3)

**Caltrans CEQA Determination**

- 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 1.** (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**

Julia K. Green	<i>Julia K Green</i>	5.12.22
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Anthony Thurman	<i>Anthony Thurman</i>	5/12/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**

**Caltrans NEPA Determination**

**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



## CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

### **Continuation sheet:**

#### **Description** (Continued from page 1)

The scope of work includes removal of trees and debris downstream of concrete apron, backfill large cavity under existing concrete apron with grouted rock slope protection (RSP), place loose RSP in the channel, line the channel banks near culvert with concreted RSP, excavate and place grouted RSP upstream of structure, restore fencing, and incidental work.

#### **Right-of-Way**

Staging and work occurred outside the State right-of-way. A temporary construction easement was needed for the project.

#### **Consultation/Coordination**

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

#### **Permits**

No permits required. A 1610 Lake and Streambed Alteration Notification from the CDFW was required for the temporary work within Nye Creek and installation of soil stabilization materials.