

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Placer

**From:** (Public Agency): Caltrans

703 B Street

Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: 2J890 PLA 89 Rockfall

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

**On State Route 89 near postmile 16.1 in Placer County.**

Project Location - City: Truckee

Project Location - County: Placer

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Scope of work includes site preparation (removal and disposal of damaged drapery, tree, and debris/rocks), replacement of damaged drapery with cable net, repair and reconnect southerly section to top-rope, replacement of ground anchors, and installation of temporary K-rail/chain link fence. This problem must be addressed as soon as possible in order to alleviate the rockfall issue and to avoid the failure of travel way. 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, and property.

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 1, Section 15301

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Wall

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 834-2471

**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: Robert Wall    Date: 5/26/22    Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Sup)

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** PLA 89 Rockfall

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-PLA-89

**PM/PM:** 16.1/16.1

**EA:** 2J890

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

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director's Order to replace damaged wire mesh drapery on State Route 89 near postmile 16.1 in Placer County. Damage assessment performed by Office of Geotechnical Design North concluded that approximately 50 cubic yards of rock broke free from the northern lateral scarp area and ripped the existing drapery. A boulder (approximately 8'x10'x4') also landed on the shoulder and southbound lane. This problem must be addressed as soon as possible in order to alleviate the rockfall issue and to avoid the failure of travel way. 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, and property. (Continued on page 3)

**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 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**

Robert Wall	<i>Robert Wall</i>	5/26/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Sean Shaw	<i>Sean M. Shaw</i>	05/26/2022
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)

The scope of work includes site preparation (removal and disposal of damaged drapery, tree, and debris/rocks), replacement of damaged drapery with cable net, repair and reconnect southerly section to top-rope, replacement of ground anchors, installation of temporary K-rail/chain link fence, stormwater pollution prevention plan, traffic control, and incidental work.

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

Based on the scope, work occurred within Caltrans right-of-way.

#### **Consultation/Coordination**

No consultation or coordination required.

#### **Permits**

No regulatory permits required.