

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
2015 E. Shields Ave., Ste. 100  
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: Kern 204 Emergency Bridge Repair

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
On State Route 204 at post mile 5.5, near Bridge 50-0208.

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: KER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
On July 21, 2021, Caltrans Maintenance discovered a severe sinkhole occurring on the NB lane at Bridge 50-0208, post mile 5.5 on SR 204 in Kern County. Caltrans closed SR 204 from the Buck Owens off ramp to F Street. Temporarily, Caltrans Maintenance removed 4'x4' of the failed material, placed aggregate base material and capped it with 4" of cold mix asphalt on the north and southbound lanes, allowing traffic to resume until emergency repairs could be made. A Contractor excavated the material, backfilled and compacted the areas, then capped it with a 6" layer of hot mix asphalt. Slope repairs under the bridge abutment No. 6 were performed to address damage caused by unsheltered encampments.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

This emergency project was completed to repair the roadway to prevent the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential services to the community.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: G. William "Trais" Norris 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: 6/1/2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_