



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Parkhurst Median Barrier

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-FRE-5

**PM/PM:** 26.8/29.96

**EA:** 06-1A750

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0620000180

**Project Description**

The Project proposes to construct a high-tension median barrier with vegetation control within the postmile limits and a turnaround opening at PM 27.5 for maintenance and emergency vehicles. The primary purpose of this project is to enhance safety on Interstate 5. This project will reduce the number and severity of collisions resulting from vehicles that leave the roadway and cross through the median into opposing traffic.

**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**

Juergen Vespermann	<i>Juergen Vespermann</i>	04-15-2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Shavonne Conley	<i>Shavonne Conley</i>	4-15-2022
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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, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(22)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity ()
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.

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Print Name Signature Date 04-15-2022

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Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 4/7/2022
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/8/2022

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:

Avoidance measures pertaining to Air Quality include:

- SSP Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control"
- SSP Section 10-5 "Dust Control,"
- NSSP Dust Control Plan (DCP) approved by the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District is needed if at least 2,500 cubic yards of material are moved in a day for at least three days of the project, or 5 or more acres of land will be disturbed during construction.

Avoidance and minimization measures pertaining to Noise include:

- Do not exceed 86 dBA L-max at 50 feet from the job site activities from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Equip an internal combustion engine with the manufacturer-recommended muffler.
- Do not operate an internal combustion engine on the job site without the appropriate muffler.

Avoidance measures pertaining to Water Quality include:

- Notification of Intent (NOI) is to be submitted to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board at least 30 days before the start of construction if the project disturbs one acre or more of soil.
- A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is to be prepared and implemented during construction.
- A Notice of Termination (NOT) shall be submitted to the Regional Board upon completion of construction and site stabilization.
- A project will be considered complete when the criteria for final stabilization in the Construction General Permit are met.
- A Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) is required to be prepared by the contractor per the Caltrans 2018 Standard Specification Section 13-1 – Water Pollution if the project disturbs less than one acre of soil.

Hazardous Waste requirements prior to construction include:

- A PSI/Task Order addressing aeriually-deposited lead (ADL) will be completed during PS&E before construction begins.
- Excavated soil could either be disposed of at a Class I landfill or used on-site per DTSC's Soil Management Agreement.
- All ADL Agreement conditions must be met and agreed to by the PDT before implementing/invoking.
- If results indicate non-hazardous/non-regulated levels, soil could be disposed of or relinquished without restriction.
- A contractor-supplied Lead Compliance Plan is estimated to cost \$2500.
- Applicable project NSSPs/SSPs will be edited and provided during PS&E.

Minimization measures pertaining to Cultural Resources include:

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

Minimization measures pertaining to Paleontology include:

- SSP 14-7.03 will be required if unanticipated fossil discovery occurs during construction.



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Avoidance and minimization measures for Biology include:

- SSP 14-6.03b Species Protection
- The Department anticipates nesting or attempted nesting by migratory and nongame birds from February 1 to September 30.
- Stop all work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery except for nesting raptors whose protective radius is 500 feet.