



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Secret Valley SRRA (minor)

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-LAS-395

PM/PM: 96.8

EA: 02-3J590

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0222000062

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, is proposing to restore the Secret Valley Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) to a condition that requires minimal maintenance. The project will carry out minor alterations to the existing building, including new fixtures and paint. The project is located at the current Secret Valley SRRA (PM 96.8) location in Lassen County on State Route 395. 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

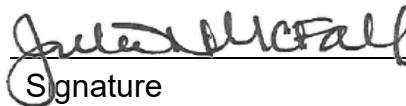
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class Class 1c.** (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

Julie McFall

Print Name



Signature

7/28/22

Date

Project Manager

Mike Mogen

Print Name



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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, 2022, 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

NA Print Name, NA Signature, NA Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA Print Name, NA Signature, NA Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/28/2022

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:

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Additional work includes installing an above ground water storage tank to provide water for cleaning, which will be capable of functioning under freezing temperatures. Fencing will be installed around the water tank to deter vandalism; additional fencing may be installed to limit access to the rest area when it is closed. An ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant ramp and parking space will be constructed. The remaining parking area will have an overlay applied and will be restriped. All work will be confined within the existing roadbed hinge point. Two pedestrian warning signs will be installed approximately 500 ft North and South from the rest area. Gravel mulch will be added to the area for landscape improvements and to reduce the amount of mud that is tracked into the facilities.

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to provide a clean, safe rest area for the traveling public that meets ADA guidelines and allows for proper maintenance.

Need: The existing rest area building and fixtures are in substandard condition and in need of repair. The parking area and ramps are not ADA compliant. In addition, the rest area has no source of cleaning water on site, making it difficult to keep clean and maintain.

Right-of-Way

Acquisitions or TCEs will not be needed for this project due to work being confined to the ROW.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging will take place on location and at the paved pullout directly across from the SRRA.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

The project would not utilize borrowed material. If any excess material is generated, it will be a small enough quantity to become property of the contractor.

Coordination/Consultation

Caltrans has performed an environmental evaluation consisting of a review of resource records and databases, consultation, and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals.

Permits

No permits are necessary with current scope of work.

Utilities

All utilities in proximity to the locations of work would be protected in place; no utility conflicts are anticipated.