



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

<b><u>Project Information</u></b>	
<b>Project Name (if applicable):</b> Old River Bridge Emergency Repairs	
<b>DIST-CO-RTE:</b> 10-SJ-4	<b>PM/PM:</b> 0.51
<b>EA:</b> 10-1Q270	<b>Federal-Aid Project Number:</b> N/A
<b><u>Project Description</u></b>	
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes emergency mechanical repairs on the Old River Bridge (No. 29-0045) at post mile 0.51 on State Route (SR) 4, in San Joaquin County. While opening and closing the bridge during a recent inspection, one turnbuckle and two wedge shoes were damaged. The bridge is currently locked in the closed position, restricting nautical travel. The scope of work includes replacing the damaged turnbuckle and repairing the wedge shoes. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to repair/replace the damaged and failing bridge components. The project is needed to immediately restore the open-close function of the bridge for nautical access.</p>	

**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** Enter class. (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**

Elizabeth Hummel (Acting)		08/10/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Tanya Sanguinetti		08/10/2022
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, 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A

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:

#### **General:**

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

#### **Cultural:**

- If cultural resources are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
  1. Stop all work within a 60-foot radius of the discovery
  2. Protect the discovery area
  3. Notify the EngineerThe Department investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County Coroner should be contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) which will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At that time, the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.
- A Caltrans Principal Architectural Historian will photo document the turnbuckle and the two wedge shoes before and after the installation of the of the wedge shoes and turnbuckle, as well as review the construction plans as developed and monitor construction activities on the Old River Bridge. The new equipment will be painted in similar color schemes for the bridge, if applicable. Should any significant changes be made to the construction plans or during construction activities that have the potential to impact the historic property in an adverse manner, the District 10 Environmental Office will notify the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) immediately and additional documentation, as appropriate, will be completed to assess the impacts to Old River Bridge.

No permits required.