



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): FRESNO/KERN BRIDGE END TREATMENTS

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-Fre/Ker-33 and 58 **PM/PM:** Various

EA: 06-1C780 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes to install standard bridge approach railings, safety barriers or crash cushions at three bridge locations in Kern and Fresno counties. Bridges include the Helm Canal Bridges (42-0033) and the Colony Main Canal Bridge (42-0031) on State Route 33 in Fresno County near Firebaugh and the Buttonwillow Main Drain Canal Bridge (50-0013) on State Route 58 in Kern County.

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

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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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 (i)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()
[] 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): Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:

Hazardous Waste Special Provision

- A lead compliance plan (LCP) is required. The estimated cost to include the LCP is \$3,000.
- Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead.
- Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-11.13 and 14-9.02 should be included for this project for any bridge that includes spot blast cleaning or other method that removes existing paint.
- Non-Standard specification (NSSP) Air Quality- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Notification should be included for air compliance. The Contractor must notify the appropriate agencies as required by the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants a minimum of 10 working days prior to starting demolition or renovation activities.

Water Quality

- If the project disturbs less than one acre of soil, a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) is required to be prepared by the contractor following the Caltrans 2018 Standard Specification Provision 13-1 – Water Pollution.

Noise

- Short term construction noise impacts need to be addressed in accordance with Caltrans Standard Specification Provision 14-8 and if night work is anticipated; then design needs to fill out form SSP 14-8.02

Air

- A Dust Control Plan (DCP) 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

Paleontology

- If unanticipated fossil discovery occurs during construction, Specification 14-7.03 of the Caltrans 2018 Standard Specifications identifies the procedures required to protect the resource.

Biology

- Standard Specification Provision 14-6.03B (Bird Protection) will be required.
- If construction activities occur during the bird nesting season (February 1 to September 30), a qualified biologist should be notified 30 days prior to the start of construction in order to conduct a focused survey for active bird nests in the project vicinity.