



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

Project Information

Project Name: Repair Slip-out and MBGR (Navarro Flood Damage)

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-128

PM/PM: 1.0/10.0

EA: 0J760

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0119000100

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposed repairs to flood damages on State Route (SR) 128 from post mile (PM) 1.0 to 10.0 in Mendocino County in spring 2019 following a period of heavy rainfall, which subsequently caused the Navarro River to peak 12 feet above its flood stage and overbank. After flood waters receded the widespread erosion of roadway shoulder backing and embankment material, and damage to multiple drainage systems, was discovered. Emergency repairs included debris removal, drainage systems repair, and pavement repair to prevent the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential public services. *(Continued on Page 3)*

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

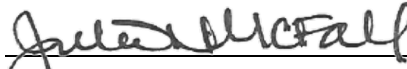
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

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.** (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].)

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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)9(ii)

23 CFR 771.117(d):

Activity 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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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 08/25/2022
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 08/25/2022

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:

SCOPE OF WORK INCLUDES:

- Removal of debris from the roadway and culverts.
- Placement of:
 - Shoulder backing, as needed.
 - Rock slope protection at the culvert outlet at PM 7.66 to arrest further headcutting, to restore pre-storm grade, and to stabilize the area to prevent further erosion.
- Replacement of damaged 12-18 inch diameter corrugated metal pipe culverts at PM 1.10, PM 1.29, PM 2.54, PM 2.63 with 24-inch diameter corrugated plastic pipe culverts.
- Micromilling of the existing paved roadway above the new culverts, placement of hot mix asphalt, and restripe roadway.
- Minor vegetation removal required for construction access; no tree removal required.
- Traffic control.

STAGING

All staging within the existing Caltrans right-of-way.

DISPOSAL/BORROW

No excavation disposal or borrow sites required.

RIGHT-OF-WAY

No right-of-way acquisition, temporary construction easements, or encroachment permits required.

CONSULTATION/COORDINATION

No tribal concerns or cultural resources were identified during, or as a result of, Native American consultation for this undertaking.

Consultation was conducted with all required agencies or entities regarding any identified potential resources located within or adjacent to the project limits in accordance with all federal and state laws and/or regulations.

PERMITS

1. 404 - US Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army Nationwide Permit (NWP) 14 for Linear Transportation Projects (82 Fed. Reg. 1860, January 6, 2017), pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA of 1972, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1344 et seq.).
2. 401 - North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB14008IN for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regional General Permit No. 5 for Repair and Protection Activities in Emergency Situations.
3. 1600 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1610 Lake and Streambed Alteration Program Emergency Notification.