



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Max Tension Systems

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-VAR-VAR

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 03-3J200

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a project to replace old cable anchored guardrail around bridge columns with Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) approved treatments for the median on State Routes 65 (SR-65) at post miles (PM) R8.028 in Yuba County and State Route 99 (SR-99) at PM's R31.31, R32.64, and R33.95 in Sutter County. This project is needed because these four locations that do not meet the current cable anchored guardrail standards.

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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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

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 8/11/2022

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:

The proposed project will replace old cable anchored guardrail around bridge columns with MASH approved treatments for the median on State Routes 65 (SR-65) at post miles (PM) R8.028 in Yuba County and State Route 99 (SR-99) at PM's R31.31, R32.64, and R33.95 in Sutter County.

Staging

- Staging has not been identified in the project description above or in the current project plans. If staging is identified outside the current project study limits, it must be cleared by either Caltrans Environmental Staff or contractor provided Environmental specialists. Documentation must be provided to Caltrans Environmental staff for approval. Per *Design Information Bulletin Number 85, Guidance for the Consideration of Material Disposal, Staging, and Borrow Sites, Original signed by Mark Leja, Division Chief, Division of Design, May 15, 2007* and *Section 7-103 Protection of Environmental Resources, in Chapter 7 of the August 2006 Caltrans Construction Manual* the contractor will provide to Caltrans environmental documentation prepared by appropriately qualified environmental specialists. The contractor will also obtain or update all necessary permits, licenses, and agreements including supporting environmental documents from appropriate regulatory and governmental agencies.

Disposal/Borrow

- No Disposal/Borrowing is required. All excavated, disturbed soil will remain or be used within the project.

Right-of-Way

- No Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) and Permanent Drainage Easements (PDEs) will be required.

Consultation/Coordination

- No Consultation/Coordination is required.

Permits

- No permits were required.