



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): LANDSCAPE SHOP BUILDING/YARD HARDEN FENCING	
DIST-CO-RTE: 06-KER-99	PM/PM: VAR
EA: 06-1E510	Federal-Aid Project Number: 0623000020
<u>Project Description</u>	
The project will replace the chain link fence/gate at the Caltrans Bakersfield Maintenance facility (1200 Olive Dr, Bakersfield) with a hardened fence/gate. The project is intended to increase security at the facility.	

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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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, 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.

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Print Name	Signature	Date
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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/7/22

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:

- A lead compliance plan (LCP) for soil disturbance will be required prior to construction/ground disturbance.
- If guardrails, signposts, or other sources of treated wood waste are to be removed during construction, include in the bid package Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-11.14 – Treated Wood Waste.

Biology:

- A preconstruction survey shall be done to identify any San Joaquin kit fox, Bakersfield cactus and nesting birds within the project limits. 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.
- If any active bird nests are found, nests shall be designated as an environmental sensitive area (ESA) and protected (while active) during project-related activities.
- ESA buffers may include, but not limited to, 500 feet for Swainson's hawk and other raptors and 100 feet for Passerines species.
- No trees shall be removed within the nesting season without prior approval by a Caltrans Biologist.

Air Quality:

- The provisions of Caltrans Standard Specifications, Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control" require the contractor to comply with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's rules, ordinances, and regulations and statutes.

Water Quality:

- The contractor, as required in Caltrans Standard Specification Section 13-1, must abide by the Best Management Practices (BMPs) and address all potential water quality impacts that may occur during construction.
- If the project disturbs less than one acre of soil, a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) is required to be prepared by the contractor per the Caltrans 2018 Standard Specification Section 13-1 – Water Pollution.

Noise:

- Construction noise is regulated by Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-8 "Noise Control,". Construction noise resulting from work activities should not exceed 86 dBA at 50 feet from the job site from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am.