



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

**Project Information:**

**Project Name (if applicable):** 178 Onramp Basin

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-KER-178                      **PM/PM:** 2.0

**EA:** 06-1F420              **Federal-Aid Project Number:** NA

**Project Description This CE consists of 3 pages**

The project location is in Bakersfield, Kern County, from State Route 204 southbound off-ramp to State Route 178 eastbound on-ramp. Work includes building a drainage inlet, Type G1 near the existing headwall at the drainage basin inside the State Route 178 onramp. Project work will begin at post mile 4.5 on State Route 204 and end at post mile 2.0 on State Route 178. There will be minor ground disturbance associated with this project. All work will occur within the right of way. EFIS number: 0622000229

**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 1c.** (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**

Javier Almaguer		10/5/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Rene Sanchez		9/13/22
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

Javier Almaguer

Print Name

Javier Almaguer (Signature)

Signature

9/9/2022

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA

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:**

General wildlife surveys will be conducted by a qualified biologist no more than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of ground disturbance or construction activities.

After pre-construction surveys, if sensitive biological resources are observed, Caltrans may require environmental training for all personnel associated with the project.

If construction is to occur during the avian nesting season (Feb 1-Sept 30), preconstruction surveys for nesting migratory birds will be required. If work must occur within the nesting season and nesting birds are found within the project area, the project may require a biological monitor or ESA buffer depending on the extent of work and species affected.

Surveys for migratory birds and raptors will be completed no more than (30) days prior to construction and these surveys will be completed by a qualified biologist.

If any special status species are observed during construction activity within 150 feet shall cease immediately. Work may resume after the project biologist has been consulted and the resident engineer has given written permission to resume work.

All vehicle operators will check under vehicles and equipment prior to operation.

All food related trash items waste products shall be disposed of off-site.

If any wildlife is encountered during construction, said wildlife shall be allowed to freely leave the area unharmed.

A lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required for ground-disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead.