



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Men-20 Culvert Replacement

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-001

PM/PM: 7.35/12.97

EA: 01-0L720

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

Caltrans Maintenance proposes to replace or repair drainage systems identified by the Culvert Inspection Program as deteriorated and beyond their useful service life. Without such repair or replacement, the roadway could be subject to washout requiring more extensive roadway reconstruction.

Nine culverts are identified for repair or replacement. Table-1 below identifies the location and the preliminary proposed construction. Culverts will be replaced as close to the existing alignment (horizontal/vertical) as possible. All work will occur from the roadway, and ample shoulder and turnout areas are available throughout the project limits for temporary material and equipment storage. All culverts are located on Route 20 in Mendocino County in various locations from Postmile 7.35 to Postmile 12.97 in the Comptche, Mathison Peak, and Noyo Hill 7.5" USGS quads. The project is State funded only.

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 15301.** (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

Darrell Cardiff		10/10/22
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Project Manager

Nanette Nickerson

Print Name

Signature

10/12/22

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.

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Signature lines for Senior Environmental Planner and Project Manager/ DDA Engineer, with 'Not Applicable' watermark.

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/6/2022

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:

Table-1 – Culvert Locations

DS#	P.M.	Existing Dia. (ft.)	Existing Pipe Type	Existing Pipe Removal Length (feet)	Proposed Length (feet)	Proposed Construction
1	7.35	1.5	CSP	55	57	Place 24" CSP with Modified G1 DI
2	8.22	1.5	CSP	55	55	Place 24" CSP with Modified G1 DI
3	9.19	1.5	CSP	78	78	Place 24" CSP with Modified G1 DI
4	9.26	1.5	CSP	55	55	Place 24" CSP Place 24" CSP with Conc Headwall
5	9.80	1.5	CSP	75	75	Place 24" CSP with Flared End Section.
6	9.88	1.5	CSP	40	45	Place 24" CSP with Modified G1 DI
7	11.17	1.5	CSP	40	46	Place 24" CSP with Modified G1 DI. Extend outlet approx. 6 feet.
8	12.91	1.5	CSP	40	48	Place 24" CSP with new 24" CSP DD.
9	12.97	1.5	CSP	48	48	Place 24" CSP with Conc headwall



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Table-2 – Technical Studies

Technical Studies Completed	Date Completed
Biological No Effects Memo	03/24/2022
Cultural Studies Screening Memo	09/30/2022
Visual Impact Review	04/22/2022
Hazardous Waste: Initial Site Assessment	04/01/2022
Water Quality Checklist	05/31/2022
Greenhouse Gas, Noise and Air Quality reviews	04/22/2022

Environmental Commitments

- Use SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) for earth materials containing lead
- Protect Northern Spotted Owl from PM 7.35 to 12.97:
 - Implement the following Noise level restrictions
 - February 1 through July 31: Do not perform work that generates noise levels above 90 dBA LMax or 20dBA above ambient noise levels
 - August 1 through January 31: Comply with section 14-8.
 - Measure the noise level at 50 feet from the source of the noise generating activity. Backup alarms are excluded from the noise requirements.
 - Remove vegetation between September 16 and January 31
- Materials and Equipment Staging and Storage - All staging and storage will occur on existing graveled turnouts and paved roads.

Permits

No permits are required for this project.