

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Inland Deserts Region  
3602 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite C-220  
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**Project Title:** Jurupa Road Grade Separation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0049-R6 Major Amendment)

**Project Location (Riverside County):** The Project amendment is located on an additional 12.164 acres south of the original Project area on existing roadway and adjacent property at the intersection of Van Buren Boulevard and Jurupa Road, in the City of Jurupa Valley, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.9973°, Longitude - 117.4847°.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0049-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Riverside County Transportation Department.

The Project amendment is limited to the following activities associated with the proposed grade separation to eliminate two existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at grade crossings at DOT Crossing #810979D and the UPRR wye (rail) at DOT Crossing #810980X: extending an existing concrete culvert crossing (16' on the west side and 9' on the east side), constructing a 460'-long temporary shoring retaining wall, constructing a turnout construction pad, and constructing temporary and permanent slopes. The Project amendment will result in approximately 0.534 acres of temporary impacts and 0.02 acres of permanent impacts to fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside Country Transportation Department**


**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. Sec. 15282 (g), (PRC) 21080.13  
 Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The Project will eliminate an existing at-grade crossing at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) grade crossing located on Jurupa Road in the City of Jurupa Valley, thus the project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutory Exemption per the California Code of Regulation (CCR) 15282(g), such that the project clearly constitutes the action as described in Public Resource Code (PRC) 21080.13 in which any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation is Statutorily Exempt under CEQA per Section 21080.13 of the Public Resource Code (PRC).

“(g) Any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation as set forth in Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code.”

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