



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Repairing Fire Damaged CMS

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-FRE-005

PM/PM: 28/06/28.06

EA: 06-1F620

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0623000056

Project Description

This project will be replacing the CMS 500 with a CMS 600 and replacing conductors to accommodate the sign due to fire damage.

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. g) (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

G William "Trais" Norris, III

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11/18/2022

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Anthony R Lopez

Anthony R Lopez

11/21/2022

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:

[X] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(22)

[] 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

Trais Norris

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name

Signature

Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/19/22

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:

See attached ECR.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 06 - FRE - 005 **PM/PM:** 28.060/28.060

EA/Project ID: 06-1F620_ / 0623000056

Project Description: Repair Fire Damaged CMS

Date (Last modification): 11/1/2022

Environmental Planner: Jeff Sorensen

Phone: 559-383-5566

Construction Liaison:

Phone:

Resident Engineer:

Phone:

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Biology	After pre-construction surveys, if sensitive biological resources are observed, Caltrans may require environmental awareness training for all personnel associated with the project.	Biology Compliance Memo		Biologist			Signature	Date		
Biology	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.	Biology Compliance Memo		Biologist			Signature	Date		
Biology	If construction is to occur during the avian nesting season (Feb 1-Sept 30), pre-construction 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 Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) buffer depending on the extent of work and species affected. Surveys for migratory birds and raptors will be completed no more that (30) days prior to construction and these surveys will be completed by a qualified biologist.	Biology Compliance Memo		Biologist RE	RE to notify biology 30 days prior to start of construction activities. Biology to conduct surveys.		Signature	Date		

Environmental Commitments Record for REPAIRING FIRE DAMAGED CMS

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
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CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
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Biology	All food related trash items and waste products shall be disposed of off-site.	Biology Compliance Memo		RE ECL Biology	RE to ensure compliance with SSP's. ECL/Bio to report to RE of any observed issue.		_____ Signature	_____ Date		
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Biology	All vehicle operators will check under vehicles and equipment prior to operation.	Biology Compliance Memo		RE ECL Biology	RE to ensure compliance with SSP's. ECL/Bio to report to RE of any observed issue.		_____ Signature	_____ Date		
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Biology	If any special-status species are observed within 150 feet of construction activity, work shall cease immediately. Work may resume after the project biologist has been consulted and the resident engineer is given written permission to resume work.	Biology Compliance Memo		Biology RE ECL	Re to ensure that buffers are maintained and ECL/biology is notified when construction occurs within buffer to coordinate biological monitoring.		_____ Signature	_____ Date		
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Biology	If any wildlife is encountered during the course of construction, said wildlife shall be allowed to freely leave the area unharmed.	Biology Compliance Memo		RE ECL Biology	RE to ensure compliance with SSP's. ECL/Bio to report to RE of any observed issue.		_____ Signature	_____ Date		
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