



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Mooney Blvd. Water Meter Installation

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-TUL-198

PM/PM: 8.780/8.782

EA: 06-1E540

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0623000001

Project Description

Connect the existing irrigation system at the southeast corner of Mooney Boulevard and Mineral King Avenue near Route 198 in Tulare County to Cal Water's public water supply. The current water well that serves the vegetation in this area can no longer irrigate the landscape due to insufficient ground water.

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. (h)** (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

Trais Norris

Print Name

J. William "Trais" Norris, AIA

Signature

12/15/2022

Date

Project Manager

Daniel Chapa

Print Name

Donald Hiura for Dan Chapa

Signature

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Date



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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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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: 11/14/22

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 ECR attached.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 06 - TUL - 198 **PM/PM:** 8.780/8.780 **EA/Project ID:** 06-1E540_ / 0623000001

Project Description: Install booster pumps, backflow preventers, water meters and traffic control.

Date (Last modification): 12/15/2022

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

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	A preconstruction survey shall be done to identify any 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.	Env Doc		Juan David Ortiz	Pre Construction Survey					

Signature

Date

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
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Special Provision 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead	SSP	SSP	Shawn Ogletree	Include in bid package.					

Signature

Date