



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** The Chowchilla SR 233 Enhancement Project

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-MAD-233

**PM/PM:** 2.47/3.70

**EA:** 06-1E790

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0622000085

**Project Description**

This is a Clean California Enhancement Project enhancing the State Route (SR) 233 in Madera County from postmile (PM) 2.47 to 3.70 in Chowchilla. Proposed work includes beautify and enhance the SR 233 corridor in the City of Chowchilla; installation of new trees and vegetation; install tree wells and grates; install rectangular rapid flashing beacons at marked crosswalks; develop a new gateway monument for the city; median beautification along SR 233 corridor; quick build bulb outs; repair missing or damaged sidewalk sections.

**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.** (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**

Shane Gunn for  
Trais Norris

12/20/2022

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Project Manager**

Shavonne Conley

12/21/22

Print Name

Signature

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:** 12/20/22

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 Environmental Commitment Record.



## Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06 - MAD - 233 **PM/PM:** 2.470/3.700 **EA/Project ID:** 06-1E790\_ / 0622000085

**Project Description:** Clean CA Enhancement project on SR 233 in Chowchilla

**Date (Last modification):** 12/20/2022

**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
Hazardous Waste	May require additional hazardous waste studies should the project generate excess soil - or if ROW/TCE will be acquired	ISA	n/a	Kai Pavel	Determine if excess soil will be required.		_____	_____		
							<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>		

#### 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	Biological SSP 14-6.03A and B will be required if nesting birds are found in the BSA during the nesting season.	SSP	SSP	Raj Gil	Request preconstruction Bio surveys 30 days prior to starting construction.		_____	_____		
							<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>		
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii)Earth Material Containing Lead	ISA	Yes	Kai Pavel	Include in bid package and requires LCP		_____	_____		
							<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>		