

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: Merced  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: Emergency Sinkhole Dynamic Cone Penetration

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

This project is located on State Route (SR) 33, at post mile 4.1, near the City of Dos Palos, in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Dos Palos Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an emergency investigation into a sinkhole using Dynamic Cone Penetration (DCP) subsurface soil testing under the northbound traveled lanes. The purpose of the project is to investigate the subsidence and prevent complete roadway failure. The need of this project is to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, property, or essential public services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Katie Gilroy Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  YES  NO

Signature: Katie Gilroy Date: 12/22/2022 Title: Associate Environmental Planner/AH

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_