

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: Merced

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1P860: Merced I-5 ROW Fence Replacement

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located on northbound Interstate (I) 5, from post mile 30.3 to post mile 32.4, in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Gustine

Project Location - County: MER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace existing Right-of-Way (ROW) fencing. The fence is facing the end of its life span and showing signs of degradation and damage. The scope of work includes removing the existing fencing, which includes a combination of wood and metal posts, and replacing it with new fencing and all metal posts. All work will occur within Caltrans ROW. The purpose of this project is to re-establish access control and demarcation of Caltrans ROW. The need for this project is to prevent livestock and pedestrians from entering the ROW, which could endanger their own safety, as well as the safety of the traveling public.

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: Existing Facilities Section 15301

Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-986-9808

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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 01/11/2023 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

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 _____