

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: Fresno  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
2015 E. Shields Ave Suite 200  
Fresno CA 93703

Project Title: SR 168 Fowler Ave Sound Wall

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

In Fresno County on the North side of State Route 168 in between Fowler Avenue and Armstrong Avenue.

Project Location - City: Clovis Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Noise level readings were performed at a nearby residence that were 66 dBA (decibels A), which approaches the federal Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) level of 67 dBA for residential land uses, causing the need for noise abatement. The purpose of this project is to meet federal noise guidelines and provide feasible noise abatement for traffic noise impacts generated by State Route 168. This project proposes to construct a 10-foot sound wall extending for an approximate length of 1,100 feet within a Caltrans Maintenance Area. The sound wall will benefit the residential properties abutting State Route 168 through lessening the traffic noise impacts. This project will require temporary construction easements.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

The project has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and is considered "exempt" from CEQA under Class 1 of 14 CCR 15300, Existing Facilities, for maintenance repair on existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Javier Almaguer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 287-9320

**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: Javier Almaguer Date: 2/6/2023 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.

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