



**CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): SIS 96 McKinney Fire Emergency DO

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-SIS-96

PM/PM: 0/105.82

EA: 02-4J320

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0223000012

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, has completed repairs related to damage caused by the 2022 McKinney Fire. This emergency repair work was located in Siskiyou County on State Route 96 from post mile 0 to 105.82.

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Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

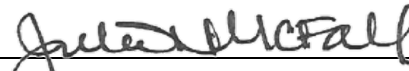
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

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 1c.** (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

Julie McFall



2/2/23

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Catherine Low

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2/07/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] 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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 1/12/2023

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:

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Additional work

Project work included: hazardous tree removal, replacement of burnt wooden posts (guardrails, signs, etc.), replacement of damaged culverts, system hardening components (drainage, slopes, etc.) installation, repair and replacement of damaged pavement, and removal of rock fall debris. In addition, two truss bridges (Bridge 2-117 and 2-119 at PMs 77.2 and 61.17, respectively) were repaired after suffering damage during delivery of fire fighting equipment and/or evacuating residents.

Purpose: The purpose of this project was to remove hazards, replace damaged assets, and repair facilities to Caltrans standards in order to restore public safety.

Need: The project was needed because Caltrans assets were damaged or threatened to be damaged in the McKinney Fire.

Right-of-Way

Acquisitions of TCEs were not needed for this project due to work being confined to Caltrans ROW.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging and stockpiling took place on paved or graveled pullouts within the construction zone, within Caltrans right of way.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

The project did not utilize borrowed material. The contractor was responsible for disposal of excess material.

Coordination/Consultation

Caltrans had an environmental evaluation conducted, consisting of a review of resource records and databases, consultation, and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals, including the Native American Heritage Commission and local tribes.

Permits

A California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 1610 Lake and Stream Alteration Notification was submitted on August 22, 2022, for tree removal along Klamath River and Doggett Creek.

No fill was placed below the OHWM of a Water of the U.S. or State. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or Regional Waterboard emergency permit was not required for the project.