



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Rio Vista Drawbridge Emergency

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-SAC/SOL-12 **PM/PM:** VAR/VAR

EA: 03-4H690 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director's Order to repair damaged mechanical, electrical, and structural components on the Sacramento River (Rio Vista) Bridge (No. 23-0024) on State Route (SR) 12 in Sacramento County from postmile (PM) 0.0 to PM 0.4 and in Solano County from PM 26.3 to PM 26.4.
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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 1(d).** (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

Julia K. Green	<i>Julia K. Green</i>	2/3/23
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Soka Soka	<i>Soka H. Soka.</i>	2/6/2023
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 May 27, 2022, 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: 12/05/22



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Continuation sheet:

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On August 9, 2018, the Rio Vista drawbridge became inoperable when the bridge-lift gear assemblies were damaged. Initially the bridge was stuck in the up position, halting automobile crossings until an emergency seating operation was able to lower the lift span. During the initial emergency seating operation, structural bridge components were also damaged.

Use of this drawbridge is a vital link to interregional commercial and recreational waterway traffic and is a primary roadway corridor connecting Interstate-5 to the Bay Area. This project is needed to prevent and lessen the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential public services.

The scope of work included the following:

- Item E-1: Install New CMC Laser Distance Measurement System
- Item E-2: Replace Existing Traffic Gates
- Item E-3: Replace Traffic Signals and Signs
- Item E-5: Install New Sonar System
- Item E-6: Replace PA and Intercom System
- Item E-8: Install New CCTV Cameras
- Item E-9: Replace Weather Station
- Item E-10: Install New Spot Light
- Item E-11: Replace Submarine Cables
- Item E-13: Replace PG&E Service Line
- Item E-14: Replace Cable Wire Reel
- Item M-1: Install New Machinery Hoisting Equipment
- Item M-5: Install New End Locks
- Item M-7: Install New Manual Backup Lift System
- Item M-11: Replace Sheave Bearing Grease
- Item M-12: Install New Counterweight Covers
- Items M-14 / M-15: Replace Plumbing, New Sewer Line
- Item M-19: Replace Main Sheave Protection Cages
- Item M-20: Cleanout Counterweights
- Item S-3: Remove Air Dampers
- Item G-1: Refurbish Gear Boxes and Rewind Motors
- Item G-3: Install New Storage Container Cover

Consultation/Coordination

Consulted with State Historic Preservation Officer, Caltrans Cultural Studies Office (CSO) on cultural documentation and requirements for the project. Native American Consultation for Section 106 was carried out by the US Army Corps of Engineers as Section 106 lead for this project (Appendix 1). Consultation under PRC 5024 was carried out separately by Caltrans and is reported below.



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The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) was requested to review the Sacred Lands Files for any Native American sacred sites within the or adjacent to the project area. The results indicated that there were no sacred sites listed in the section for the project area (Appendix 1). A list of Native American groups and individuals that may have knowledge or concerns regarding cultural resources for the project area was also included by the NAHC. Correspondence under PRC 5024 was sent in April of 2020, followed up by phone calls and/or emails, to the Native Americans who were identified as having an interest in projects within this area by the NAHC. Responses indicated no known cultural resources within the project area, but the various groups and individuals contacted would like to be kept apprised of any findings. Consultation is ongoing. Please see the consultation log for complete information on Native American consultation (Appendix 1).

The Rio Vista Museum, Dredging Museum in Rio Vista, Solano County Historical Society, Locke Foundation/Boarding House Museum, Sacramento River Delta Historical Society, and Isleton Brannan-Andrus Historical Society were contacted via email in May of 2020 (Appendix 1). The emails were followed up by emails and/or phone messages. Email and phone calls were used due to the COVID-19 outbreak as the most appropriate means to reach individuals who may be working outside of their usual offices. No responses were received to these inquiries.

Coordination also occurred with the following agencies: US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) and US Army Core of Engineers (USACE) and US Coast Guard (USCG).

Permits/Approvals

Received USFWS Biological Opinion and NMFS Letter of Concurrence. The project requires a 408 permit from CVFPB and USACE.



Appendix 1

Consultation

PRC 5024

Section 106 Consultation Completed by ACOE



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03-4H950 Consultation Log

Date	Contact	Name	Entity	Caltrans Rep	Comments
4/30/20	Email	Sara Setshwaelo, Chairperson	Ione Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA/AB52 consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Raymond Hitchcock, Chairperson; Ralph Hatch, Cultural Committee	Wilton Rancheria	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA/AB52 consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Anthony Roberts, Chairperson; Laverne Bill, Isaac Bojorquoz	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA/AB52 consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Gene Whitehouse, Chairperson; Anna Starkey; Antonio Ruiz	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA/AB52 consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Rhonda Morninstar Pope, Chairperson	Buena Vista Rancheria of Me- Wuk Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Cosme Valdez, Chairperson	Nashville Enterprise Miwok- Maidu-Nishinam Tribe	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Regina Cuellar, Chairperson; James Sarmento; Kara Perry	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.

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4/30/20	Email	Clyde Prout, Chairperson; Pamela Cubbler	Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
4/30/20	Email	Grayson Coney, Cultural Director	Tsi Akim Maidu	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
5/4/20	Email	To whom it may concern	Solano County Historical Society	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
5/4/20	Letter	Renee Tingey, President	Rio Vista Museum	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
5/4/20	Email	Clarence Chu, Board of Directors Chair	Locke Foundation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
5/4/20	Email	Thomas Herzog, President	Sacramento River Delta Historical Society	Lisa Bright, DNAC	E-Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
5/4/20	Letter	To whom it may concern	Isleton Brannan- Andrus Historical Society	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Mailed project consultation package including: location maps, proposed construction activities, and CEQA consultation letter requesting questions, comments, concerns regarding proposed construction activities.
5/6/20	Email	From: Mariah Mayberry	Wilton Rancheria	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Ms. Mayberry responded to the 4/30/20 email asking if we can provide a table with known resources within the project or within a 1/4 mile. Also asked if there are construction schedule updates.
5/8/20	Email	To: Mariah Mayberry	Wilton Rancheria	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Responded to the 5/6/20 email that there are only historic resources (the bridges) within the project location. Within 1/4 mile there is only the levees and a possible location of CA-Sac-69. Work is on going and cable installation is October/November

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5/8/20	Letter	From: Leland Kinter	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Responded to initial consultation letter that the Yocha Dehe wish to continue consultation and have concern regarding known resources. Requested additional information on ground disturbance. *due to COVID telework restrictions letter was not opened until 5/21/20
5/21/20	Email	To: Laverne Bill	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Lisa responded providing details on ground disturbance and asking for clarification on their concerns about impacts to known cultural sites.
5/22/20	Email	From: Laverne Bill	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Laverne responded that their concern is the levees because of how they are created. They would like to add training (cultural sensitivity) to the projects.
5/21/20	Email	From: Anna Starkey	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Anna responded to the initial consultation letter that there are no known resources, they have no concerns, and they do not need to see copies of any reporting since the work is mainly structural.
6/2/20	Email	From: Katie Solorio	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Response letter indicating Shingle Springs request for continued consultation, but no knowledge of cultural resources in the project. Request for copies of reports.
6/2/20	Email	To: Kara Perry	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Responded to the earlier email thanking them for the response and noting we will keep them up to date.
6/8/20	Email	To: Rhonda Pope, Chairperson	Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Clyde Prout; Pamela Cubbler	Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Sara Setshwaelo, Chairperson	Ione Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Cosme Valdez, Chairperson	Nashville Enterprise Miwok-Maidu-Nishinam Tribe	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Grayson Coney	Tsi Akim Maidu	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Thomas Herzog, President	Sacramento River Delta Historical Society	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Clarence Chu	Locke Foundation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To whom it may concern	Solano County Historical Society	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/8/20	Email	To: Renee Tingey	Rio Vista Museum	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Follow-up email to 4/30/20 initial letter.
6/17/20	Email	From: Pamela Cubbler	Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Email from Pamela saying that the Colfax-Todds Valley will defer to other tribes.
6/18/20	Email	To: Pamela Cubbler	Colfax-Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Lisa thanked Pamela for her response.
6/16/20	Email	From: Richard Hawkins	Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Mr. Hawkins responded that after a review of the notification it appears unlikely native cultural resources might be impacted and they have no objection. If cultural resources are encountered they wish to be updated.

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6/18/20	Email	To: Richard Hawkins	Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Lisa responded to Mr. Hawkins 6/16 email thanking him for the response. Lisa noted we will contact them if any unanticipated discoveries are made during the project.
10/14/20	Phone	To: Laverne Bill	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Spoke with Laverne about potential levee trenching - requested to monitor. Caltrans agreed monitoring is warranted
10/14/20	Phone	To: Antonio Ruiz	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Spoke with Antonio about potential levee trenching - Antonio noted that this is rather south for UAIC but appreciated the notification
10/14/20	Phone	To: Kara Perry	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Left a voicemail re: levee work
10/14/20	Phone	To: Mariah Mayberry	Wilton Rancheria	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Left a voicemail re: levee work
10/14/20	Email	To: Laverne Bill	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Sent follow up email with mapping and levee work details.
10/14/20	Email	To: Antonio Ruiz	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Sent follow up email with mapping and levee work details.
10/14/20	Email	To: Kara Perry	Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Sent follow up email with mapping and levee work details.
10/14/20	Email	To: Mariah Mayberry	Wilton Rancheria	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Sent follow up email with mapping and levee work details.
10/14/20	Email	From: Anna Starkey	United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria.	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Anna thanked Lisa for the update.
10/16/20	Phone	Laverne Bill	Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation	Lisa Bright, DNAC	Lisa spoke with Laverne regarding the email not arriving with the shp files. Lisa's email showed it as sent, but she sent the files via FILR

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