



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Sherwood Culvert

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-KER-43

**PM/PM:** 29.9/31.4

**EA:** 06-0N590

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0600020568

**Project Description**

This project will move a double headwall (irrigation canal) out of clear recovery zone. This entails removing the existing headwall, extending the pipe culvert, and constructing a new headwall.

**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.** (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**

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Print Name

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Signature

3/27/2023

Date

**Project Manager**

Rene Sanchez

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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)()

[ ] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

[ ] Activity 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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 3/27/2023

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:**

#### **Biology:**

A preconstruction survey shall be done to identify any nesting birds within the project limits. If construction activities occur during the bird nesting season (February 1 to September 30), a qualified biologist should be notified 30 days prior to the start of construction in order to conduct a focused survey for active bird nests in the project vicinity. If any active bird nests are found, nests shall be designated as an environmental sensitive area (ESA) and protected (while active) during the project-related activities. ESA buffers may be included, but not limited to, 500 feet for Swainson's hawk and other raptors and 100 feet for Passerines species. No trees shall be removed within the nesting season without prior approval by a Caltrans Biologist.

#### **Air Quality:**

##### **Standard Specifications:**

The provisions of Caltrans Standard Specifications, Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control" require the contractor to comply with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's rules, ordinances, and regulations and statutes that apply to work performed under the contract, including those provided in Government Code § 11017.

##### **Non-Standard Special Provisions:**

If the project disturbs over 5 acres or removes 2,500 cubic yards of soil for at least three days of the project, a Dust Control Plan approved by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will be required for this project.

#### **Noise:**

Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-8.02 would minimize the temporary noise impacts from construction:

- Do not exceed 86 A-weighted decibels of a maximum sound level at 50 feet from the job site activities from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Equip an internal combustion engine with the manufacturer-recommended muffler. Do not operate an internal combustion engine on the job site without the appropriate muffler.

#### **Hazardous Waste:**

- Treated wood waste is considered a hazardous waste and must be treated as such. SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste will be required to address handling and disposal of any potential wood waste generated during the project (guard rail segments, signposts, etc.).
- Should metal beam guardrails and/or roadway signs be removed, special handling would be required. Pavement paint/stripping/markings can contain high levels of lead. Should yellow and/or white paint/stripping be removed, special handling would be required. The appropriate SSPs/NSSPs will be edited and provided during the PS&E phase.
- A Lead Compliance Plan is required and estimated to cost \$3000.