

**CEQA EXEMPTION
DETERMINATION FORM**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): "Emergency Repairs: All-In State Response"

Project Location: Tulare County

Project Description

California High-Speed Rail Authority proposes to provide immediate emergency response to flooding near Authority construction or near locations where Authority construction equipment is staged in Tulare County, California.

Emergency response actions including:

1. dewatering, diversion of flood waters;
2. levee construction, demolition, and/or repair; and
3. emergency road construction and repair

Repair activities:

1. Earth moving/grading to manage flood waters
2. Revegetation
3. Placement or replacement of materials
4. Access and staging for repair work

The purpose of this project is to repair and restore property and facilities damaged or destroyed due to recent flooding in Tulare County, where such actions are necessary to repair damage resulting from a disaster for a which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, where such actions are necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency, where such repairs are necessary to maintain service essential to public health, safety or welfare, or where such action is entirely within an existing highway right of way. This project does not include actions excluded by provisions in 14 CCR 15269. This project is needed to prevent the loss or impairment of life and/or essential public services.

CEQA Determination (Check one)

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** Enter class. (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].)

High Speed Rail Office of Environmental Services

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Print Name

4/4/2023

Date

Signature

Other General Conditions of this Determination:

For an activity to qualify for this exemption, Environmental Services must approve a written description of the activity [to include, at minimum, the activity's exact location (cross-streets or lat/long coordinates) and boundaries (on a map/aerial photo), its size (mileage/acreage), its scope (nature of activity), and its duration] as consistent with the applicable CEQA criteria and as necessary to the state's emergency response and repair efforts.

Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact Environmental Services if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.