



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Storm Damage LAKE 175

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-LAK-175

PM/PM: 0.0/1.5

EA: 01-0M930

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0123000095

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director's Order for emergency work on State Route (SR) 175 from Post Mile (PM) 0.0 – 1.50 pertaining to damage caused by a series of storms starting on February 24, 2023. This resulted in heavy runoff from the precipitation and melting snow. A large slope failure developed on State Route (SR) 175 in Lake County, at Post Mile (PM) 0.50. Per Caltrans Geotech recommendation, the proposed solution is to stabilize the embankment with Rock Slope Protection (RSP) and restore the facility back to a safe operating condition.

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** 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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Trevor Goff	<i>Trevor Goff</i>	07/25/2023
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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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 4 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.

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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 06/21/23
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 06/27/23

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:

The scope of emergency work includes traffic control, regrading and stabilizing 1000CY of embankment, place 4000CY of RSP, install 600LF of under drain, extend existing down drains, install supplemental energy dissipaters, and place erosion control. Work began after the storm damage at the end of April. This project is needed to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, and essential services.

The purpose of this project is to keep the roadway safely open to the public and repair the location to pre damage conditions. Caltrans has a permanent easement for the entire work area.

Biological, cultural, and hazardous waste, reviews were completed for this project. There will not be any impacts to sensitive natural resources. **No permits are required.** The following measures have been included:

- Standard Special Provisions for Treated Wood Waste and Aerial Deposited Lead will be required during construction.