



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): Smith River Ag Station Resurface	
DIST-CO-RTE: 01-DN-101	PM/PM: 46.2
EA: 01-0M710	Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A
<u>Project Description</u>	
Maintenance is developing a project on Route 101 in Del Norte County near Smith River at the Smith River Agricultural Inspection Station. Work will consist of cold planning asphalt concrete (AC) pavement, replacing asphalt concrete surfacing, placing crack treatment, placing HMA (Type A) overlay, fog sealing existing AC pavement, replacing AC dike, placing shoulder backing on existing shoulder backing, and replacing pavement delineation. All work will be within the existing State right of way. Equipment staging will be confined to paved surfaces and existing non-vegetated turnouts. Construction Area Signs and Portable Changeable Message Signs will tentatively be placed between DN-101-PM 45.2/46.5 (California) and Cur-101-MP 363.1/362.4 (Oregon) with negligible soil disturbance. There will be no tree removal.	

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

Cassie Nichols	<i>Cassie Nichols</i>	07/13/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Chris Ghidinelli	<i>Chris Ghidinelli</i>	7/18/2023
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: 7/6/2023



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Continuation sheet:

Biological, Cultural, Visual, Hazardous Waste and Water Quality reviews have been completed. No regulatory permits are required.

The following Standard Special Provisions (SSP) and measures will be incorporated into the project to address minor hazardous waste issues:

- Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL), which is commonly found in all highway shoulders, may be at concentrations that require special handling of excess material. However, based on anticipated work and minimal disturbance of soil associated with this project, this issue shall be addressed with SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) UNREGULATED EARTH MATERIAL CONTAINING LEAD will be required.
- The use of SSP 36-4 CONTAINING LEAD FROM PAINT AND THERMOPLASTIC will be required for residue from grinding activities that may contain lead from paint or thermoplastic.
- The use of SSP 84-9.03B REMOVE TRAFFIC STRIPES AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS CONTAINING LEAD will be required for pavement delineation removal, If this method is preferred.
- A Lead Compliance Plan as a contract item will be required for soil, thermoplastic and paint disturbance/removal.