

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: Merced

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: Traffic Management Systems Repair and Replace

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
Various locations on State Route 99 in Merced County

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace/repair Roadside Weather Information Stations (RWIS), Closed-circuit television (CCTV) units, and remote processing units at various locations on State Route 99 in Merced County. The purpose of this project is to provide reliable and efficient TMS technologies to meet current Caltrans standards. The project is needed to improve mobility of the traveling public by ensuring that Traffic Management Center has reliable real-time live video feed of roadway, traffic, and weather conditions within the project limits. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities section 15301
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitats, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Divine Yang Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-670-9159

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  YES  NO

Signature: Divine Yang Date: 7/21/2023 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_