

**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 95206

Project Title: Emergency Slope Repair

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
Along southbound State Route 99 at postmile 29.8 to 30.2 in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Livingston Project Location - County: MER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an emergency slope repair along southbound State Route 99 at postmile 29.8 to 30.2 in Merced County. A Merced Irrigation District canal was breached and led to flooded field adjacent to the State Right of Way. Water and sediment crossed under the right-of-fencing and inundated the southbound lanes. The project will back fill the exposed utilities, remove all damaged vegetation, and place permanent erosion control. The purpose of the project is to address the damages caused by a canal breach. The need of this project is to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, property, or essential public services.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:  
Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

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: 8/28/2023 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist(Specialist)

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.