



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Grizzly Creek Weir Routine Maintenance

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-LAK-20

PM/PM: 39.37

EA: N/A

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to perform continued routine maintenance in Lake County on State Route (SR) 20 Post Mile (PM) 39.37, also known as Grizzly Creek weir. Maintenance of this weir was previously covered under expired Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements 1600-2007-0247-R2 and 1600-2016-0036-R2. Caltrans is now pursuing a 12-year Routine Maintenance Agreement from CDFW to perform this work annually or biennially. The scope of work remains consistent with previous agreements; Caltrans will remove light vegetation and up to 2000 cubic yards of sediment from the rock lined weir retention area. This work takes 1-3 weeks depending on the level of accumulated sediment. The purpose of this maintenance is to remove accumulated sediment from the retention area and restore proper function of the weir. The project is needed to maintain a safe traveled way for SR 20 during flood events, extend the service life of SR 20, and reduce high sediment loading in Grizzly Creek downstream. All work occurs within Caltrans right of way.

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

Dominic Vitali

8/18/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Paul R Johnson

8/21/2023

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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 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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A

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:

Biological review has been completed and there are no anticipated impacts on these resources with the incorporation of the measures identified below.

Environmental Permits:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA)

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- Measures included in the CDFW RMA
- Measures included in the 8/17/2023 Biological Memo