

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

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 Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

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: Rajpreet Bihala Date: _____ Title: _____

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: _____



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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Elkhorn and Bryte Bend Vertical Clearance Signage Replacement

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-YOL-VAR

PM/PM: VAR/VAR

EA: 03-4J260

Federal-Aid Project Number: n/a

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace existing vertical clearance gauges on the Sacramento River Elkhorn and Bryte Bend bridges to meet current design standards. The bridges currently do not meet the requirements for vertical clearance gauges pursuant to 33 CFR 118.160 for size, placement, and other observational parameters. (cont.)

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

Cara Lambirth	<i>Cara Lambirth</i>	09/28/2023
_____	_____	_____
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Christopher Sugar		9/28/2023
_____	_____	_____
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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): n/a

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/27/23

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:

Project Description (cont.):

The project is located in Yolo County at Sacramento River Elkhorn Bridge (Bridge No. 22 0025L/R) on SR 5 (PM 0.00) and at Sacramento River Bryte Bend Bridge (Bridge No. 22 0026L/R) on SR 80 (PM 11.31). New vertical clearance gauges will be painted on two columns at each bridge location (see attached ESL map for reference). Bryte Bridge has a bolted-on gauge on the column.

The bolted-on gauge will be removed and the new clearance gauge will be painted in its place. At the Elkhorn location, the gauges are currently posted on two of the dolphins. The gauges will be unbolted and removed from the dolphin locations. New painted on gauges will be placed on the two columns next to the dolphins as shown on the ESL map.

River access will be determined by contractor. Contractor may choose to utilize a floating barge and scaffolding for the painting process. Alternatively, the contractor may choose to use a hanging scaffold.

Staging

If required, staging would occur within the existing Caltrans right-of-way.

Right-of-Way

This project would be completed within the operational right-of-way.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination are not required.

Permits

Based on the proposed scope of work, regulatory permits are not required