



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Emergency Culvert Repair

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-001

PM/PM: 86.0/88.0

EA: 01-0L330

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0121000097

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a District Director's Order to repair multiple culvert systems and roadway damage in Mendocino County on Route 1 between postmiles (PM) 86.0 and 88.0. Inspection by Maintenance Hydraulics and Construction Staff revealed significant voids present below the embankment, misalignment, and damaged embankment at the culvert systems. The culvert systems and roadway at PM 86.85 and 87.62 require immediate repair to minimize further damage to the roadway and risk to the traveling public. This project was necessary to prevent or lessen the loss or impairment of life, health, property and essential services. (Continued on page 3)

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

Robert Wall

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5/27/2022

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Signature

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Project Manager

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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, 2019, 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 December 23, 2016 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: N/A



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Continuation sheet:

Description (Continued from page 1)

The scope of work includes remove and replace in-kind both cross culverts, remove and replace down-drain in-kind, placement of rock slope protection (RSP), backfill all voids, reconstruct roadway, traffic control and mobilization.

Right-of-Way

Based on the proposed scope of work, staging and work occurred within the State right-of-way.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Native American coordination began on June 3, 2021, with emergency email notification to the following two tribes: Round Valley Indian Tribes and Cahto Tribe of the Laytonville Rancheria. No responses were received. The following agencies were also contacted: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), US Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District (USACE-SF) and North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB).

Permits

A 1610 Emergency Work Notification was submitted to CDFW. This work also required an ENG-4345 submittal to USACE-SF and Notice of Intent submittal to NCRWQCB to obtain a Regional General Permit 5 (RGP5) for Emergency Work.