



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** 06-1C860

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-FRE-005

**PM/PM:** 7.86/8.08

**EA:** 06-1C860

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0621000188

**Project Description**

New Highway Planting to satisfy the mitigation requirements of 06-39460 Route 269 Huron Bridge Project. It is proposed to plant 242 Cottonwood trees (*Populus fremontii* spp. *fremontii*). With irrigation system and a five-year plant establishment period. The project is located at Interstate 5 (post mile 7.86/8.08) at Los Gatos Creek.

**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 4** (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**

Trais Norris

*J. William "Trais" Norris, AIA*

11/28/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Project Manager**

Khalid Dahir

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Signature

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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: 11/28/23

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:**

See attached Environmental Commitment Record.



### Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06 - FRE - 005 **PM/PM:** 7.860/8.080 **EA/Project ID:** 06-1C860\_ / 0621000188

**Project Description:** New Highway Planting

**Date (Last modification):** 11/28/2023

**Environmental Planner:** Jeff Sorensen

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**Construction Liaison:**

**Phone:**

**Resident Engineer:**

**Phone:**

#### PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1600 Amendment	California Department of Fish & Wildlife						
1600 Condition Submittal	California Department of Fish & Wildlife						
1600 Extension	California Department of Fish & Wildlife	12/6/22					

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

##### PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Biology	Botanical Surveys			CT Bios	Perform Surveys	3/1/24				
							Signature	Date		
Biology	Special-Status species surveys: SWHA, SJKF, SJAS, Kangaroo rats, BUOW			CT Bios	Perform Surveys	3/1/24				
							Signature	Date		