



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** State Route 99 Storm Water Pipeline Oversight Project

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-FRE-99

**PM/PM:** R4.92

**EA:** 06-1C730

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** NA

**Project Description**

This is a City of Selma storm drain improvement project. This Categorical Exemption covers the work to be done within the Caltrans right of way, which includes a direct jack and bore in the McCall Avenue alignment of the State Route 99 McCall Avenue overcrossing in Fresno County. The pipe will be a 60-inch rubber gasket reinforced concrete pipe and will run approximately 200 feet parallel with McCall Avenue. Total depth to flowline is approximately 15 feet. Jack and bore pits shall be placed on either side of the Caltrans right of way. No disturbance of Caltrans facilities is expected. This CE consists of 4 pages.

**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 1c.** (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**

Javier Almaguer

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**Project Manager**

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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): Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:

**Hazardous Waste:** Analysis of the soil needs to be completed if the project generates excess soil and the soil will be hauled off-site for disposal and/or relinquishment to the contractor. This evaluation is needed to provide environmental compliance for worker and public safety and to fulfill the requirements of the aerially deposited lead agreement with the Department of Toxic Substance Control. A project-specific Lead Compliance Plan will be required in addition to the soil sampling.

Apply the following Caltrans spec-14-11.13C Safety and Health Protection Measures. Applies to worker protective measures for potential lead exposure.

**Paleontology:** The City of Selma will provide a consultant-prepared Paleontological Evaluation Report (PER) and a Paleontological Mitigation Plan (PMP) encompassing select portions (entry and receiving pit of the jack & bore activities and other excavation to occur within the Caltrans right of way) of the project area for spot checking and continuous monitoring.

Apply the following Caltrans spec-14-7.03 Discovery of Unanticipated Paleontological Resources. If paleontological resources are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately stop all work within a 60-foot radius of the discovery, secure the area, and notify the engineer. Do not move paleontological resources or take them from the job site

**Air Quality:** Apply the following Caltrans spec-14-9.02 Air Pollution Control. Comply with air pollution control rules, regulations, ordinances, and statutes that apply to work performed under the construction contract.

**Noise:** Apply the following Caltrans spec-14-8.02 Noise Control. Pertains to controlling and monitoring noise resulting from work activities. Noise levels are not to exceed 86 decibels at 50 feet from the job site from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**Biology:** There is a confirmed Swainson's hawk nest that Caltrans monitored last summer and is located within 100 feet of the McCall Ave & State Route 99 overpass. The project footprint is within the buffer for a Swainson's hawk active nest. The nest is also within the Caltrans right of way.

Apply the following Caltrans specs for biology-14-6.03 Species Protection. Pertains to protecting regulated species and their habitat that occur within or near the job site. Upon discovery of a regulated species, immediately stop all work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery and notify the engineer.

14-6.03B Bird Protection. Pertains to protecting migratory and nongame birds, their occupied nests and their eggs. Upon discovery of an injured or dead bird or migratory or nongame bird nests that may be adversely affected by construction activities,



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immediately stop all work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery and notify the engineer. Exclusion devices, nesting-prevention measures, and removing constructed and unoccupied nests may be applied.

**Cultural Resources:** Apply Caltrans spec-14-2.03 Archaeological Resources. Pertains to archaeological resources discovered within or near construction limits. Do not disturb the resources and immediately stop all work within a 60-foot radius of discovery, secure the area, and notify the engineer. Do not move archaeological resources or take them from the job site. Do not resume work within the radius of discovery until authorized. Archaeological mitigation may include monitoring.

**Water Quality:** Apply the following- If the project disturbs one or more acres of soil, the following would be required:

A Notification of Intent is to be submitted to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board at least 30 days prior to the start of construction.

A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is to be prepared and implemented during construction to the satisfaction of the resident engineer.

A Notice of Termination is to be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board upon completion of construction and site stabilization. A project would be considered complete when the criteria for final stabilization in the Construction General Permit are met.