



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Deer Crossing ED 50

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-50

PM/PM: VAR/VAR

EA: 03-4J410

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to install non-vehicle animal crossing warning signs with solar flashing beacons in El Dorado County on U.S. Route (US) 50. The purpose of the project is to provide safe and efficient roadway operations by improving driver visibility of deer crossing signs. This project is necessary because a safety analysis report shows that deer-related accidents continue to occur with the current deer crossing signs.

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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

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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

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 01/10/2024

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.

4 (W11-3 Deer) warning signs with flashing beacons will be installed and one previously installed warning sign at Postmile (PM) 1.27 will be modified to replace the W16-4P Plaque (Next 7 Miles) and install flashing beacons. The deer sign at PM14.50 (Location 2) will be removed and replaced to PM 14.60. All 4 locations will receive flashing beacons. All four flashing beacons will be solar power.

Location 1: Postmile (PM) 1.27 (Electrical pole)

Location 2: Postmile (PM) 14.60 (Electrical pole)

Location 3: Postmile (PM) R8.04 (Electrical pole)

Location 4: Postmile (PM) R8.60 (Electrical pole)

Staging

The project does not anticipate staging outside of Caltrans right of way. If additional staging is required, the area will be cleared by the Contractor and Caltrans environmental staff.

Disposal/Borrow

The project will not utilize borrowed material or require a borrow site. The contractor will be responsible for disposal of excess material, if required.

Right-of-Way

All work will occur within the existing Caltrans right of way.

Consultation/Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of work, no consultation/coordination is required.

Permits

No environmental permits will be required.

Utility

The project will not require any utility relocation.









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