Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Merced

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton   CA 95205

Project Title: Mer-152 Culvert Replacements

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
In Merced County on State Route 152

Project Location - City: Los Banos   Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes culvert replacement at three (3) locations on State Route 152 at various postmiles in Merced County. General scope of work is listed in the Continuation Sheet. All work will occur within existing Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of the project is to address the deteriorated drainage system and to extend the service life of State Route 152. The project is needed to prevent potential failure of the overlying highway due to the culvert deterioration.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: Existing Facilities section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitats, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Divine Yang   Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (209) 670-9159

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: *Divine Yang*   Date: 1/17/24   Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

☑ Signed by Lead Agency   ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.   Date Received for filing at OPR
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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