

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 02  
1657 Riverside Drive  
Redding CA 96001

Project Title: Rush to Schaffer Culverts

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
Modoc County State Route (SR) 299 from postmiles 8.32 to 12.55.

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: MOD

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding, is proposing to replace eight culverts along State Route 299 in Modoc County at post-miles (PM) 8.32, PM 9.02, PM 11.70, PM 11.92, PM 12.42, PM 12.50, PM 12.55, and PM 12.85. Deteriorating culverts can lead to undermining of the roadway and lead to potential roadway failure if not addressed. The replacement of these culverts will also allow for the improvements in design to meet higher traffic safety standards. Vegetation work will be completed by hand trimming. This project will reestablish proper drainage and structural integrity of eight culverts along the highway.

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: Sec 20184 15301 Class 1 (C)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reason why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because it is the maintenance of an existing facility does not include the expansion of the existing use and has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Julie McFall Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-812-4878

**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:  Date: 1/25/24 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR \_\_\_\_\_