



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Pit Rivers Seismic

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 02-LAS-299

**PM/PM:** 13.4 /14.06

**EA:** 02-1J320

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0220000058

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding, is planning to perform a Seismic retrofitting of the Pit Overflow Bridge (PM: 13.4; Bridge#: 07-0005) and the Pit River Bridge (PM: 14.06 Bridge#: 07-0007) on State Route (SR) 299 in Lassen County at post mile (PM) 13.4 and 14.06.

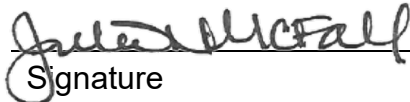
**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)

- 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 1d.** (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**

Julie McFall		2/8/24
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Michael Oguro (P.L.A., No. 6112)		8 February 2024
Print Name	Signature	Date



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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: 2/8/2024

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:

The project includes the following:

Pit River Overflow Bridge (07-005)

- Retrofit in-span hinges with seat extenders
- Remove unsound concrete and retrofit all original columns with carbon fiber reinforced polymer wrap
- Replace longitudinal joint seals and transverse expansion joint seals at the abutments and hinge locations
- Upgrade approach and departure railing and MGS

Pit River Bridge (07-007)

- Retrofit in-span hinges with seat extenders
- Replace longitudinal joint seals and transverse expansion joint seals at the abutments and hinge locations
- Upgrade approach and departure railing and MGS
- At Pier 2, chip unsound concrete and patch the original columns
- At Pier 2, remove the existing partial debris wall and H piles, drive new H piles, and construct a new pier wall
- For Piers 3 through 6, remove unsound concrete at the base of the debris walls and repair with new concrete

### **Purpose**

The project proposes to perform seismic strengthening in order to preserve the structural integrity of the bridges and avoid failure in the event of an earthquake.

### **Need**

The bridges have seismic deficiencies that if unaddressed could threaten the structural integrity of the bridges if an earthquake were to occur.

### **Right-of-Way**

All work (both temporary and permanent) will be within the existing Caltrans easement; no additional right-of-way will need to be acquired.

### **Staging/Stockpiling**

There are multiple pullout locations within Caltrans right of way that can be utilized as staging areas within the project limits. Staging of equipment and materials would take place within the limits of areas that have been previously graded and graveled to accommodate the traveling public.

### **Disposal/Borrow Sites**

The project would not utilize borrowed material. The contractor will be responsible for disposal of excess material.

### **Consultation/Coordination**

Caltrans has performed an environmental evaluation consisting of a review of resource



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records and databases, consultation, and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals, including the Native American Heritage Commission and local tribes.

### **Utilities**

All utilities in proximity to the locations of work would be protected in place. If any relocations will be needed, they will be coordinated within Caltrans Right of Way.

### **Permits**

Caltrans has evaluated the project limits and has determined that the project area and the proposed work would require the need for:

#### Regional Water Quality Control Board

Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

#### US Army Corps of Engineers

Section 404 Nationwide Permit

#### California Department of Fish and Wildlife

California Fish and Game Code Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement