



**CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Diddy Roost Culverts (Geotech)

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-SHA-299

PM/PM: 41.1/55.3

EA: 02-1J350

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0220000061

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using State funds, is proposing a project to upgrade drainage systems (e.g., culverts) to current standards, along State Route (SR) 299, between post miles (PM) 41.1 and 55.3, in Shasta County.

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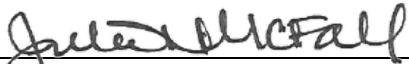
Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- 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 6.** (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		3/14/24
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Azeddine Bahloul		3/19/24
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 December 23, 2016 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): NA
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 3/13/24

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:

Additional work

The Office of Geotechnical Design North (OGDN) has developed a plan called Site Investigation Plan (SIP) to carry out boring and seismic refraction testing at four culvert locations. This testing is part of a larger culvert replacement project where trenchless replacement methods are being considered. The results of these surveys will be used to determine the strength and depth of bedrock at the proposed trenchless locations. There will be one boring, conducted at PM 45.2, and will be drilled to a maximum depth of 30 ft. The remaining three locations (PM 41.17, 50.31, and 52.02) will be investigated with short seismic refraction lines and will be performed on one or both of the sides of the embankment to characterize the bedrock strength and depth. The details for the trenchless locations are found in Table 1.

Table 1.

PM	Exist Diameter (ft)	Proposed Diameter (ft)	Strategy
41.17	1.5	3	Trenchless
45.2	1.5	3	Trenchless
50.31	2	3	Trenchless
52.02	2	3	Trenchless

Right-of-Way

No ROW will be acquired for the purpose of Geotechnical surveys. Five permits to enter (PTE) requests were submitted in order to complete the Geotechnical surveys.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging areas will include existing shoulders, medians, lanes, and previously disturbed areas within Caltrans ROW.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

The project will not utilize borrowed material. If any excess material is generated, it will be collected and disposed of in accordance with standard Caltrans disposal procedures.

Coordination/Consultation

To identify potential cultural resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, a field review of the



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project area was completed by cultural staff. Once review was completed it was determined the proposed scope of work has no potential to affect cultural resources.

Permits

No permits will be necessary based on the current scope of work