

# Notice of Exemption

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From: San Bernardino County  
Department of Public Works  
Environmental Management Division  
825 E. Third Street, Room 123  
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## Project Description

**Project Title:** Needles Highway Emergency Road Repairs (February 2024 Storms)

**Project Location:** The affected roadway is Needles Highway from the San Bernardino county line to the north, then south to approximately 0.50 miles south of Rocker Bluff Road in the city of Needles.

**Project Description:** Heavy rainfall in February 2024, resulted in significant flooding and sediment, rock and debris deposition and scour, damaging roads and road culverts, resulting in an imminent threat to life and property. Local and State Emergency Proclamations have been issued for San Bernardino County. Emergency repair work includes, but is not limited to, removal of sediment, rock and debris in roadways, culverts, and areas immediately adjacent to roadways, and to repair damaged road surfaces, shoulders, culverts, and adjacent road drainage features.

## Applicant

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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(d)];  
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Exemption: Section 15269 (b) Emergency Repairs to Publicly Owned Facilities  
Section 15269 (c) Specific Actions Taken to Mitigate an Emergency

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15269(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines allows for emergency repairs to an area in which a State of Emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor. Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on February 5, 2024. Section 15269(b) allows for emergency repairs to publicly or privately owned facilities to maintain service essential to public health, safety, or welfare. Section 15269 (c) allows for specific actions taken to mitigate for an emergency, and Section 15269 (d) authorizes emergency work on existing highways damaged by flooding and landslides.



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4/1/2024

Date

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A