



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Nevada 49 Slip Outs

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-NEV-49

PM/PM: 17-24.8

EA: 03-0N660

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a Director’s Order to repair slip outs on State Route (SR) 49 between post mile (PM) 17.0 and 24.8 in Nevada County. The purpose of this project is to repair storm damage and keep the route safe for the traveling public. This project is needed to avoid failure or threat of failure to the transportation system, which can result in the loss or impairment of life, health, and property.

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 1.** (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

Cara Lambirth	<i>Cara Lambirth</i>	05/13/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Thurman	<i>Anthony Thurman</i>	05/13/2024
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)()
[] 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

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 4/30/2024

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/30/2024

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:

A District Director's Order was requested for an Emergency Force Account (EFA) contract to repair slip outs on State Route (SR) 49 in Nevada County from PM 17.0 to 24.8.

It was concluded by Maintenance Engineering that a recent storm event had caused enough damage that these locations will not last past this winter without completely failing and the roadway slipping out. Immediate repairs are required and a verbal approval was requested and granted on 12/22/2023 by the District Director.

Scope of Work:

Mobilization, slope repair/mitigation, cold plane asphalt concrete pavement, place HMA, erosion control, traffic control, and incidental work.

All staging and work occurred within the Caltrans right of way.

Consultation/Coordination:

Based on the scope of work, consultation or coordination was not required.

Permit Requirements

No permits are required.

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