



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Omega Curves Emergency Slide

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-NEV-20

PM/PM: 30.1/30.1

EA: 03-2H621

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0324000269

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation issued a Director’s Order to address slope failure on State Route (SR) 20 in Nevada County. The proposed repair will extend the failing slope from the current 1:1 slope ratio to 2:1 slope ratio. Caltrans is acquiring deeded easement rights from Tahoe National Forest lands for the proposed location of the extended slope. The proposed location of the deeded easement is shown on the Continuation Sheet in pink highlight.

The determinations made within this document are solely for the action of perfecting title for the particular rights or interest in lands owned by the United States which may be granted to Caltrans, and conditions of the final Department of Transportation Easement.

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

Erin Damm

05/22/2024

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Marco Lem

Marco A. Lem

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Signature

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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)(5)
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

Erin Damm (Print Name), [Signature] (Signature), 05/22/2024 (Date)

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

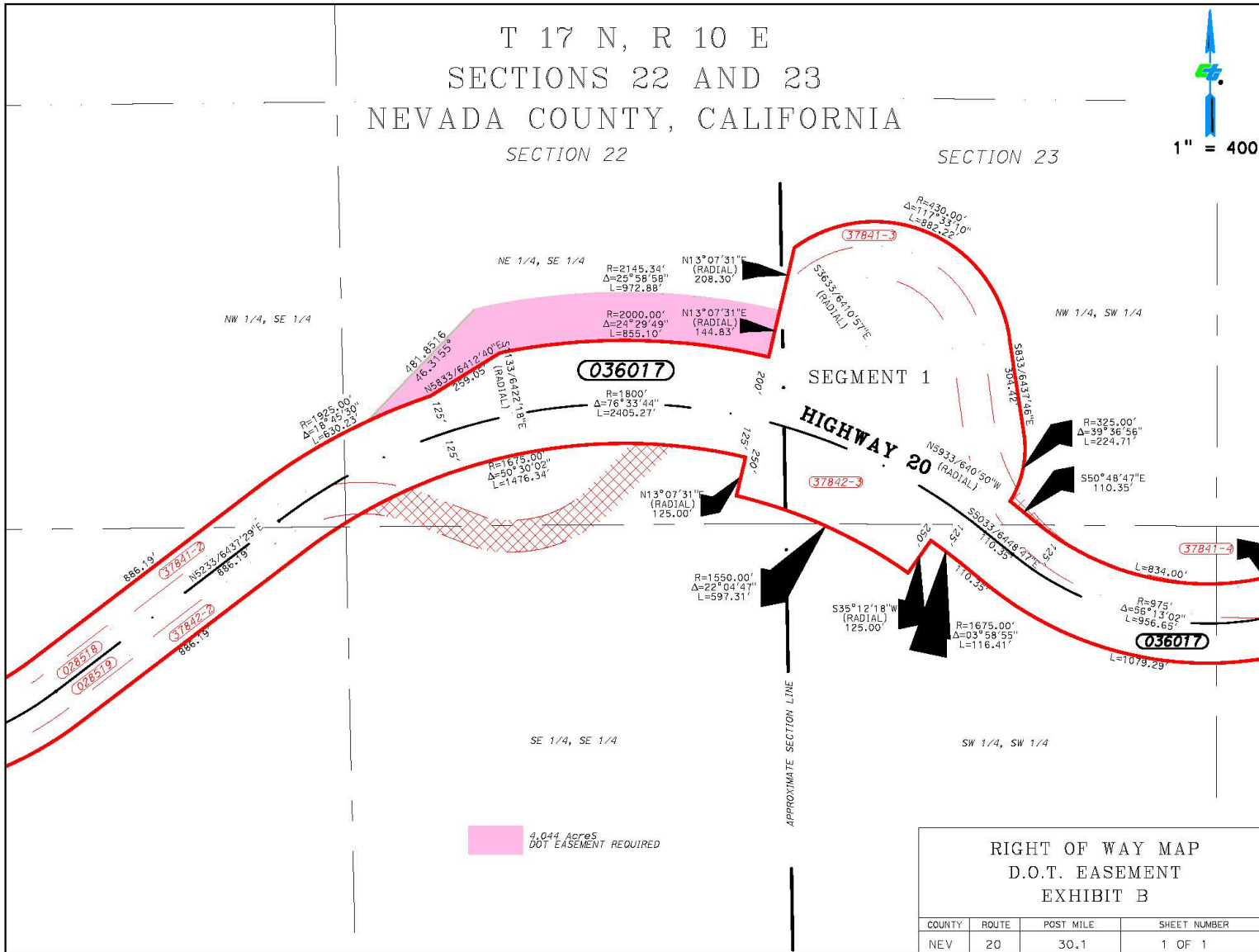
Marco Lem (Print Name), Marco A. Lem (Signature), 05/22/2024 (Date)

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:

The proposed action does not require the use of an Environmental Commitment Record.



Continuation sheet:











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