



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Yuba and Butte County Traffic Signal Operational Improvements

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-VAR-VAR

PM/PM: 0/0

EA: 03-0N860

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0324000215

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the Yuba (YUB) and Butte (BUT) County Traffic Signal Operational Improvements Project on State Route (SR) 20 in Yuba County at post mile (PM) 1.710, SR 99 in Butte County at PM 4.124, 4.233, 4.310, and 4.377, and SR 32 in Glenn County at PM L0.111. These improvements would aid in public safety by making the signals heads more visible under low-light conditions and improving visibility at the off ramp.

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(d.)** (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

05/31/2024

Print Name

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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)(15)
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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

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

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:

Standard Measures for Biological Resources include the following:

- 1) 14-6.03B Bird Protection-
This measure will be developed and incorporated into project specifications to require a preconstruction nesting bird survey prior to any vegetation removal between the dates of February 1 and September 30. A qualified biologist shall determine appropriate buffer zones around any active nests discovered within or near the project area. Work shall not commence within any buffer zone until all young have fledged and a qualified biologist has determined that the nest is inactive.

- 2) 14-6.03D Contractor-
Supplied Biologist: Monitor for migratory birds during tree trimming/vegetation removal.

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