

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: MER

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: MER County Pavement Repairs

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
10-MER-165-0.0/16.5

Project Location - City: Los Banos Project Location - County: MER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to address pavement deficiencies along a 16.5-mile stretch of State Route (SR) 165, in Merced County from postmile 0.0 to 16.5, at 3 locations. The scope of work will include milling, repaving, removing, and replacing damaged pavement and in some sections will require Full Depth Recycling (FDR) to reconstruct the entire pavement structure. All construction work will take place on existing pavement and within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of the project is to repair areas of failing or damaged pavement. The need for this project is to prevent further deterioration of the paved

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: S. 15301; Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

Project will not affect any sensitive resources or their habitat, any cultural resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Reena Gohil Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-986-9816

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? YES NO

Signature: Reena Gohil Date: 6/6/24 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR _____