

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: CAL  
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E.. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 10-S650: CAL HMA Overlay

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
10-CAL-12-2.9/9.9

Project Location - City: Valley Springs Project Location - County: CAL

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is planning a project to improve a 7.4-mile stretch of State Route 12 between postmiles 2.5 and 9.9 near Valley Springs in Calaveras County. The project will involve milling and overlaying the existing asphalt with a new layer of hot mix asphalt (HMA) 0.15 inches thick. Additionally, the project proposes to remove and replace sections of failing pavement throughout the project area. Existing pavement markings will also be removed and replaced with new markings. The existing pavement on this section of highway is aged and in poor condition and needs repairs to prevent further deterioration and improve safety for drivers.

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:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resource, scenic 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: 5/23/24 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 \_\_\_\_\_