



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

Project Information

Project Name: SR-79 Asset Management Project – Culvert Anchor

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-79

PM/PM: 20.3/ 53.0

EA: 11-43036/1118000109

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

Caltrans proposes to repair and replace culvert and drainage systems on State Route 79 (SR-79) from Post Mile 20.3-53.0 in San Diego County. The project will also address the state’s transportation assets that have been determined to be in a poor or fair condition to meet the district’s ten-year performance plan. The scope of work also includes replacement of sign panels, and installation of crosswalks and solar shade panels. Staging and repair or replacement of culverts will occur within a 20 ft. x 20 ft. access area at each culvert inlet and outlet. The purpose of this project is to extend serviceability and to prevent potential damage to the highway system. Environmental conditions are listed in the project Environmental Commitments Record.

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

Shay Lynn M. Harrison	(for Shay Lynn Harrison)	10/24/22
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Kazim Mamdani		10/24/22
Print Name	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)(Enter activity number)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
Activity 2 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

Signature line for Shay Lynn M. Harrison, dated 10/24/22

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Signature line for Kazim Mamdani, dated 10/24/22

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 10/24/22
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/24/22