



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 11/2020)**

Project Information

Project Name: West Avenue Maintenance Station Upgrade

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-FRE-99

PM/PM: 23.30

EA: 06-0X430

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0618000065

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to replace existing outdated buildings with upgraded structures for housing of tree crew and special crews yard staff. The mechanical and electrical systems are failing and cannot supply current and future demand. The current buildings do not meet current code and cannot hold anticipated staff increases.

The project will demolish the existing buildings and replace them with new upgraded buildings. The footprint of the new buildings will extend 5 feet to the north of the existing footprint. Trenching up to 10 feet in depth and potholing will be required to replace existing utility laterals. Tree removal may be required to repair the existing sewer line near the West Ave driveway. No excess soil is expected.

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 Class 2.** (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

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Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] 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, 2019, 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 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 December 23, 2016 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: 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:

Avoidance and minimization measures pertaining to lead-based paint and earth material containing lead may include:

- Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(ii) – Lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)
- SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) – Earth Material Containing Lead
- Caltrans' Nonstandard Special Provision (NSSP) 14-11.7 – Removal and Management of Lead Paint on Unoccupied Structures

Avoidance and minimization measures pertaining to asbestos-containing construction material may include:

- NSSP 14-11.17 – Asbestos-Containing Construction Materials in Unoccupied Buildings
- SSP 14-9.02 – Requires notification to the US EPA, California Air Resources Board, APCD, or AQMD to comply with air quality regulations

Avoidance and minimization measures pertaining to noise impacts from construction may include:

- Caltrans' Standard Specification Section 14-8 – Noise and Vibration

Avoidance measures pertaining to water quality impacts may include:

- Caltrans' Standard Specification Section 13-1 – Water Pollution Control
- A Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) submitted by the contractor to the Resident Engineer prior to any ground disturbing activities

Avoidance measures pertaining to biological resources may include:

- A pre-construction survey shall be done to identify any nesting birds within the project limits. If construction activities occur during the bird nesting season (February 15 to September 1), a qualified biologist should be notified 30 days prior to the start of ground disturbance in order to conduct a focused survey for active bird nests in the project vicinity. If any active bird nests are found, nests shall be designated as an environmental sensitive area and protected (while active) during project-related activities (buffer details: 600 feet for Swainson's hawk, 300 feet for raptors, and 100 feet for other birds). If work within a buffer is to occur, then a monitor will be needed. No trees shall be removed within the nesting season without prior approval by a Caltrans biologist.
- Caltrans' Standard Specification 14-6.02 – Species Protection
- Caltrans' Standard Specification 14-6.03 – Bird Protection