



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Grass Lake Maintenance Station

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 02-SIS-97

**PM/PM:** 20.21

**EA:** 02-1J870

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0221000004

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding, is proposing to rehabilitate the Grass Lake Maintenance Station on State Route 97 in Siskiyou County located at PM 20.21. The rehabilitation process includes the construction of a multipurpose office and crew building, a salt house, a sand house, a fuel island, a vehicle wash rack, water tank, water pipe, fence, and a covered materials storage bin.

**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

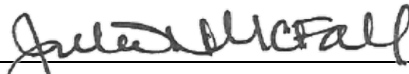
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 6.** (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**

Julie McFall

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Signature

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Date

**Project Manager**

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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, 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 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

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 01/26/2024

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:

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the project is to construct a new facility that meets all current building codes and functional requirements that are currently deficient.

**NEED:** The current facility no longer meets current building codes or the needs of the crew. The equipment storage bays cannot accommodate the new larger trucks with plows and sanders. There is no wash rack or wash facilities. There is no salt house, covered storage or employee-designated parking area.

### **Project Description**

- Construct an 13,010-square-foot (SQFT) multi-purpose building that will include office and crew spaces, five equipment bays, and one service/repair bay.
  - Existing office, crew, and equipment storage building will not be demolished. Instead, the project design team (PDT) has determined that the existing building will be repurposed, because the maintenance crew requested that these facilities be kept for use as additional storage. The office and crew space will be converted to general storage, and the equipment bays will be changed to covered equipment storage. Both components will be remodeled and upgraded (as needed) to bring the facility to “good” working condition.
- Construct a canopied fuel facility/island with a 6,000-gallon combined capacity
  - This includes 4,000 gallons of capacity for diesel and 2,000 gallons of capacity for unleaded gasoline.
- Construct a 3,024-SQFT wash rack.
  - Install a new brine system.
  - Abandon the existing leach field and septic tank that currently service the employee housing unit.
  - Develop a leach field to service the wash rack during the summer months.
- Construct a 960-SQFT salt house.
- Install a 100-kW emergency standby generator.
- Install a 2,500-gallon propane tank (may be larger due to equipment loads).
- Construct a 1,350-SQFT covered materials storage bin.
  - Demolish/remove the old 1,511-SQFT employee housing unit.
  - Repave/replace existing driveway leading to proposed bin location (approximately 7,500 SQFT).
- Demolish the existing 4,800 SQFT sand house and build a new, 3,200 SQFT sand house at a new location onsite.
- Replace 2,000 linear feet (LF) of perimeter fencing with wildlife fencing.
- Construct a 3,800-SQFT employee parking area.
  - Upgrade the southern vehicle entrance/gate.
  - Replace signs near vehicle entrance.
  - This will include designated accessible (ADA compliant) parking areas.
  - Two Level 2 EV chargers are planned, and a Level 3 charger may be added if it is feasible to bring phase 3 power.



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- Construct a water tank uphill from the maintenance station, next to the existing USFS tank and improve the access road by placing road base rock for a running surface along the top of the existing dirt access road.
- Addition of sub-surface drainage to address the blockage of sheet flow as a result of the planned placement of the office and equipment bay.
- Decommission the existing fire hydrant pump system.
- Addition of a water tank and pipeline for building fire sprinklers
- Re-purpose the existing office, crew, and equipment building.
- Regrade and repave the existing site.

### **PERMITS**

No environmental permits are necessary with the current scope of work.

### **CONSULTATION/COORDINATION**

Caltrans has performed an environmental evaluation consisting of a review of resource records and databases, consultation, and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals.

### **UTILITIES**

All utilities in proximity to the locations of work would be protected in place; no utility conflicts are anticipated based on scope of project, however if any relocations will be needed, they will be coordinated within Caltrans Right of Way.

### **RIGHT-OF-WAY**

An access and water tank storage easement will be acquired along the existing access road used by the USFS and located across private timberland company ownership.

### **STAGING/STOCKPILING**

There are multiple locations within the existing Caltrans maintenance yard that can be utilized as staging areas.

### **DISPOSAL/BORROW SITES**

No borrow and/pr disposal sites are required for the project.