



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): RWIS and HAR Replacements

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-FRE,MAD,TUL-41,99,152,198 **PM/PM:** VAR

EA: 06-1G980 Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes a project to replace Roadside Weather Information Systems and Highway Advisory Radios equipment at various locations on State Routes 41, 99, 152, and 198 in Fresno, Madera, and Tulare counties. Location 1 at Mad/41/PM 9.25 will require replacing cabinet foundation and conduits with new installations replicating the existing layout. All other locations will not have ground disturbance. Work off the paved roadway is proposed.

See continuation sheet for specific locations.

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

Pedram Mafi		07/18/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Lopez		07/18/2024
Print Name	Signature	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, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

[] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)()

[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

[] Activity 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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/18/2024

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:

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LOCATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION

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Loc No. #	TMS ELEMENT	TMS-ID	COUNTY	ROUTE	PM	LOCATION
1	HAR	HA-022	Mad	41	9.25	SR 41/145 PARK AND RIDE
2	RWIS	RP-011	Fre	41	33.09	AT SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
3	RWIS	RP-010	Mad	99	11.76	FRESNO RIVER BR.
4	RWIS	RP-003	Fre	99	6.72	FLORAL AVE
5	HAR	HA-019	Tul	99	48.71	SOUTH OF MERRITT DR.
6	RWIS	RP-002	Tul	99	52.6	KINGS RIVER
7	RWIS	RP-001	Mad	152	7.3	ASH SLOUGH BR.
8	RWIS	RP-064	Tul	198	3.33	JWO RTE 99



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 06 - - **PM/PM:** EA/Project ID: 06-1G980_ / 0624000180

Project Description: Replace Roadside Weather Information Systems and Highway Advisory Radio Equipment

Date (Last modification): 7/18/2024

Environmental Planner: Daria Afonskaia

Phone: 559-981-7066

Construction Liaison:

Phone:

Resident Engineer:

Phone:

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PS&E/BEFORE RTL

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Biology	Species Protection SSP 14-6.03A: San Joaquin Kit Fox		SSP	RE, OE. biologist, planner	Include in bid package.					
Biology	Species Protection SSP 14-6.03B: Bird Protection		SSP	RE, OE. biologist, planner	Include in bid package.					
Cultural Resources	Archaeological Resources standard SSP 14-2.03A		SSP	RE, OE, archaeologist, planner	Include in bid package.					
Hazardous Waste	7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead.		SSP	RE, OE, Environmental	Include in bid package, requires LCP					
Hazardous Waste	Standard Specification 14-11.15 shall be used to dispose of electrical equipment requiring special handling (if applicable to this project); RSSP 87-21.03D (paragraph 1) will address the removal of electrical equipment designated as hazardous waste (electrical vehicle sensor nodes, if applicable to this project)		Std. Spec	RE, OE, Environmental	Include in bid package, requires LCP					

Environmental Commitments Record for

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Biology	Use Species Protection SSP 14-6.03B: Bird Protection	SSP	SSP	RE, biologist, planner	If an injured or dead bird is found or discover migratory or nongame bird nests are discovered that may be adversely affected by construction activities, immediately: Stop all work within a 100-foot radius of the discovery Notify the Engineer					
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Biology	Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-6.03A. Species Protection	SSP	SSP	RE, biologist, planner	Pre-construction surveys shall be conducted for San Joaquin Kit Fox by a qualified biologist within 14-days prior to construction.					
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Cultural Resources	Use Archaeological Resources standard SSP 14-2.03A	SSP	SSP	RE, archaeologist, planner	If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.					
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