



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Jackson Slough Road Intersection Improvement

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-SAC-12

PM/PM: 3.5/3.8

EA: 03-3J310

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0322000248

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve the safety at the intersection of Jackson Slough and State Route 12 by installing traffic signals, new closed circuit television system, flashing beacons, and pavement delineation. Roadside signs will be upgraded to current standards and a Maintenance Vehicle Pullout will be installed.

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 1c.** (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

Erin Damm		09/05/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

John Bamfield		09/05/2024
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)(8)
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

Erin Damm
Signature
Date: 09/05/2024

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

John Bamfield
Signature
Date: 09/05/2024

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 8/22/24
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 8/29/24



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Continuation sheet:

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to improve safety for motorists at the intersection of Jackson Slough Road and State Route 12 and to reduce the number of fatal and serious injury collisions.

Need: The intersection reported a total of 16 collisions during the 5-year period (January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2021) involving one fatality and eight injuries. 12 of those collisions were broadside.

Staging: A potential staging area has been identified and reviewed by the Environmental specialists.

Disposal/Borrow: It is anticipated that excavated or disturbed soil will have non-hazardous and unregulated levels of lead. Design will need to determine whether the project will have excess soil or whether all excavated soil can be reused or remain on-site without off-site disposal.

Right-of-Way: All work would occur in Caltrans right-of-way. No right-of-way acquisition, temporary construction easements, or encroachment permits required.

Consultation/Coordination: There has been consultation between Caltrans, United States Fish and Wildlife, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - SAC - 012 **PM/PM:** 3.500/3.800 **EA/Project ID:** 03-3J310_ / 0322000248

Project Description: Install traffic signal.

Date (Last modification): 8/29/2024

Environmental Planner:

Phone:

Construction Liaison: Jesse Starr

Phone: 530-708-5181

Resident Engineer:

Phone:

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1- No Permits Required	n/a						

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
Hazardous Waste	provide hazwaste SSPs to PE and OE	SSP	SSP	haz waste specialist	review PS&E during circulation					
Other	create U EA in STEVE			Coordinator	request EA added via STEVE liaison before RTL					

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

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	Comply with SSP 146.03D Contractor Supplied Biologist	Env Doc	SSP	RE/ECL	submit Resumes to ECL for approval					
Cultural Resources	Comply with non-Standard Special Provision (nSSP) 144.04 Cultural Sensitivity Training	Env Doc	NSSP	Project Archaeologist, DNAC, or ECL	Cultural sensitivity training will be given to all personnel at the start of work. Personnel must complete cultural sensitivity training before starting work at the job site.				\$700 needed in Bid Package as #0669 14A State Furnished Funds	



Environmental Commitments Record for Jackson Slough Road Intersection

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CONSTRUCTION

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	Comply with SSP 14-6.03A Species Protection	Env Doc	SSP	RE	perform nesting bird surveys					
Biology	Comply with SSP 14-6.03D Contractor Supplied Biologist	Env Doc	SSP	RE						
Cultural Resources	Use standard special provision (SSP) 14-2.03A Archaeological Resources General	Env Doc	SSP	RE						
Cultural Resources	Use standard special provision (SSP) 14-2.03B Archaeological Monitoring Area	Env Doc	SSP	RE	see AMA Plan					
Hazardous Waste	Comply with Standard Special Provision (SSP) SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste	ISA	SSP	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with Standard Special Provision (SSP) SSP 36-4 containing lead from paint and thermoplastic	ISA	SSP	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with Standard Special Provision (SSP) SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Unregulated Earth Material Containing	ISA	SSP	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with Standard Special Provision (SSP) SSP 84-9.03B to specify non-hazardous levels of lead residue	ISA	SSP	RE						

POST-CONSTRUCTION

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
Environmental Compliance Review	Create Environmental M600 CEC once Resident Engineer confirms all environmental commitments were met during construction	n/a	n/a	ECL						
Environmental Compliance Review	Create TBMP M600	HQ	n/a	TBMP Coordinator						

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Final Audit Report

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