

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of Merced

**From:** Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton, Ca, 95205

Project Title: 10-1T410 DO EMERGENCY MER CULVERT AND SINKHOLE REPAIR

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: This project is located on State Route 33 at Postmile 28.69 in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Gustine                      Project Location - County: Merced

### Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an emergency project to immediately repair a sink hole and failed culvert system along State Route (SR) 33 at postmile 28.69, in Merced County. The scope of work includes replacing a 30-inch asphalt coated Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) with a 30-inch High-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe as well as paving of the roadway. The purpose of this project is to restore function to the drainage system and repair the sinkhole. The project is needed to prevent the loss or impairment of life, property, or essential public services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

### Exempt Status (**check one**):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez Phone number: 209-670-9385

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes  No

Signature: *Maria Garcia Lopez* Date: 09/20/2024 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.