



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Emergency Guardrails Repair

DIST-CO-RTE: 10- ALP, AMA, CAL-4, 88, 89 **PM/PM:** VAR

EA: 10-1R890 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an emergency project to repair and replace the damaged guardrails along State Route 4, 88, and 89 in Alpine, Amador, and Calaveras Counties. The project will also replace snow gates and install/replace end treatments and in-line systems. Please see the continuation sheet for more project information. The purpose of this project is to address the damaged guardrail due to the result of avalanche and snowpack. The need of this project is to prevent and mitigate the loss or impairment of life, property, or essential public services.

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 .** (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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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)()
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[] Activity 4 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: N/A

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:

Table 1. Locations and Proposed Work

Location	County	Route	PM	Direction	Scope
1	AMA	88	32.5	East Bound (EB)	Install in-line system
2	AMA	88	38.5	Westbound (WB)	Install midwest guardrail system (MGS), steel post and wood post
3	AMA	88	46.1	WB	Install Delineator, MGS, In-line system, and steel post
4	AMA	88	46.3	WB	Install Delineator, MGS, In-line system, and steel post
5	AMA	88	47.2	EB	Install MGS
6	AMA	88	49.4	EB	Replace MASH Sequential Kinking Terminal (MSKT)
7	AMA	88	49.5	EB	Replace MGS
8	AMA	88	52.5	EB	Replace MSKT
9	AMA	88	52.9	EB	Replace in-line system, and MGS
10	AMA	88	53	EB	Replace in-line system
11	AMA	88	53.5	EB	Replace in-line system, steel post and MGS
12	AMA	88	53.6	EB	Replace in-line system
13	AMA	88	53.9	EB	Replace in-line system
14	AMA	88	54	EB	Replace in-line system
15	AMA	88	59.2	EB	Install MGS, Steel post
16	AMA	88	65.9	EB	Repair in-line system, MGS, and steel post
17	AMA	88	66.1	WB	Install MSKT, MGS, and steel post
18	AMA	88	66.1	EB	Install MSKT, MGS, steel post
19	AMA	88	69.9	WB	Install MGS and steel post
20	AMA	88	70	WB	Install MGS, MSKT, steel post
21	ALP	88	0.5	WB	Replace in-line system
22	ALP	88	0.7	EB	Install Delineator, MGS, In-line system, Cable assembly, and strut
23	ALP	88	0.75	EB	Install MGS, steel post, steel post
24	ALP	88	1.5	WB	Install Delineator, MGS, In-line system, Cable assembly, and strut
25	ALP	88	6.2	EB	Replace MGS



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Location	County	Route	PM	Direction	Scope
26	ALP	88	6.4	EB	Install MGS, steel post, and steel post
27	ALP	88	6.6	EB	install MGS, steel post
28	ALP	88	6.7	EB	Install MGS, steel posts
29	CAL	4	53.5	EB	Install In-line System, MGS, steel post
30	CAL	4	54.3	EB	Install In-line System, MGS, steel post
31	CAL	4	56.5	WB	Install In-line System, MGS, steel post
32	CAL	4	56.6	WB	Install In-Line System
33	CAL	4	59.3	EB	Replace in-line, guardrail, and steel post
34	CAL	4	62.4	EB	Remove guard rail, install in-line and steel post
35	ALP	4	3	WB	Replace Snow gate
36	ALP	4	3	EB	Replace Snow gate
37	ALP	4	7.9	WB	Replace in-line system
38	ALP	4	7.9	EB	Replace in-line system
39	ALP	4	7.92	WB	Replace in-line system
40	ALP	4	7.92	EB	Install In-line System
41	ALP	4	11.6	WB	Install In-line System
42	ALP	4	11.6	EB	Replace in-line System
43	ALP	4	11.6 6	EB	Replace in-line system
44	ALP	4	12.5	WB	Replace end treatments and MSG
45	ALP	4	12.5	EB	Replace end treatments and MSG
46	ALP	4	12.5 1	WB	Replace end treatments and MSG
47	ALP	4	12.5 1	EB	Replace end treatments and MSG
48	ALP	89	21	Northbound (NB)	Install MSG and steel post
49	ALP	89	21.4 8	NB	Install In-line System and MSG
50	ALP	89	21.4 8	Southbound (SB)	install In-line System and post
51	ALP	89	21.5 1	NB	Install in-line system, strut, and rail
52	ALP	89	21.5 1	SB	Install in-line System, rail, MSKT head, MSKT cable box, and plate



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General:

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contract the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.

Cultural:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
 1. Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
 2. Protect the discovery area
 3. Notify the Engineer
 4. The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the same time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

No Permits Required