

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main St
Bishop, Ca 93514

Project Title: Dry Creek Culvert Replacement

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route 203 Post Mile 1.4 and 4.75

Project Location - City: Town of Mammoth Lakes Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project aims to address significant flooding and infrastructure deterioration caused by recent summer monsoon storms affecting the culvert under State Route 203 at Dry Creek, as well as related drainage issues at the junction with Lake Mary Road. The flooding resulted from a blockage in the culvert, which has been compounded by debris accumulation and severe corrosion, necessitating urgent repairs before winter weather exacerbates the situation.

Scope of Work:

Dry Creek:

Remove and replace the existing culvert.

Install a debris grate at the inlet to prevent future blockages.

Provide rock slope protection at the outlet.

Excavate embankment material to facilitate the installation of the new culvert.

Patch the roadway and re-stripe as needed.

Consider the potential to abandon the existing culvert in place, subject to further design evaluation.

Lake Mary Road Junction:

Remove the existing slot drain and associated damaged concrete.

Abandon drainage features at this location, as they are no longer necessary due to adjacent development. Repair roadway smoothness by patching the area with concrete.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15269(b) et seq.).

Reasons why project is exempt:

All proposed work and contractor staging/use areas are within the existing disturbed/maintained areas within Caltrans right-of-way. With the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures, no known environmental resources will be impacted

Lead Agency Contact Person: Heather Elder Phone number: 760-874-8320

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: *Heather Elder* Date: 10/23/2024 Title: Senior 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.