



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Replace, Repair, Reline Culverts

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-KER-223

**PM/PM:** Various

**EA:** 06-1H050

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** Not applicable

**Project Description**

The project is located on State Route 223 in Kern County near Bakersfield. The project extends from post mile 5.6 to post mile 30.3. The project proposes to replace, repair and reline culverts at 6 locations. All work will occur within the Caltrans right of way.

The locations are:

- Post mile 5.84, 0.03 miles west of Gosford Road (LT)
- Post mile R12.46, 0.52 miles west of Adobe Road
- Post mile R18.10, 0.01 miles east of Edison Drive
- Post mile 20.91, South A Street
- Post mile 28.14, 3.6 miles west of Bena Road
- Post mile 30.07, 1.67 miles west of Bena Road

**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** existing facilities, highways. (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

Print Name

  
Signature

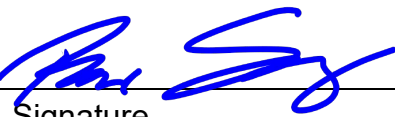
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**Project Manager**

Rene Sanchez

Print Name

  
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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)(Enter activity number)
[ ] 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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): not applicable
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/15/24

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:**

Apply avoidance and/or minimization measure as required for nesting birds/night work. Pre-construction surveys for nesting migratory birds shall be required if vegetation removal work is done during the nesting bird season, February 15 to September 1. No trees shall be removed within the nesting season without prior approval by a Caltrans Biologist.

If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the find.

A lead compliance plan developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist is required for ground disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead.