

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 6
2015 E Shields Ave
Fresno, CA 93726

Project Title: Lost Hills Highway Planting Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route (SR) 46, Kern County
between Post Miles (PM) 31.5 and 33.2

Project Location - City: Bakersfield Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is in Kern County along State Route (SR) 46 between Post Miles (PM) 31.5 and 33.2. The scope of work will include the planting of native plants to satisfy the mitigation requirements of the SR 46 Highway Rehab Project (EA 06-44254). The plants will be installed along SR 46, to the east of the Interstate 5 Interchange, and along the Kern River Flood Canal. Per the Environmental Request, excess soils requiring off-site disposal are not anticipated and acquisition of additional right-of-way (ROW) and/or Temporary construction easements (TCEs) are not anticipated.

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: Class 7. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15307.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because it only serves to satisfy the biological mitigation requirements of another project and will not impact any environmental resources within the project limits.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Trais Norris

Phone number: 559-320-6045

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: *J. William "Trais" Norris, AIA* Date: 11/4/2024 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

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.