

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: Grapevine Drainage Repair And Truck Escape Ramp Aggregate Repair Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 5, Kern County between PM 8.6R and 8.96R

Project Location - City: Lebec Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project scope of work includes repairs to the existing drainage. The aggregate needs to be removed, cleaned, and replaced to restore the ramp to full function. This District level Director's Order intends to make repairs to the drain line and oil separator at the Grapevine Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility (GCYEF), as well as perform repairs to the northbound outside shoulder, located on the Grapevine emergency truck escape ramp. This emergency contract is needed to avoid the failure or threat of failure to the transportation system and to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services as well as to the best interest to the state.

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 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This work is essential and requires immediate repair. This project is exempt, under CEQA Class 1 (PRC 21084;14 CCR 15301), given that a replacement needs to occur. It is needed to avoid the failure or threat of failure to the transportation system and to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.

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, A.A.* Date: 11/18/24 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.