



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Visalia Maintenance Station Building Repairs II

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-TUL-198

PM/PM: 13.4

EA: 06-1H590

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes to replace, patch, and paint the damaged exterior walls and to clean the roof gutters and down spouts of the office and shop building at the Visalia Maintenance Station. The Visalia Maintenance Station is in Tulare County along SR 198 at Post Mile 13.4. The office and shop building has experienced significant wall and roof deterioration. There is also leaking from the roof gutters and downspouts, which has caused the exterior to peel on the north and west sides. The exterior walls have also been damaged by birds nesting, with holes all over the west, south and east sides. This project proposes to contract out to fix these issues. The project will be funded from the Minor B Program (20.80.521.000) for fiscal year 24/2025 delivery. All work for this project will be performed within existing right of way.

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 1.** (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

11/25/2024

Date

Project Manager

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Print Name

Signature

11/26/2024

Date



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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)()

[] Activity 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: 11/22/2024

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:

Cultural:

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

Hazardous Waste:

- NSSP 14-11.17 for sampling, analysis, removal, and management of asbestos in buildings will be provided for each project, as the asbestos-containing construction materials (ACCM) surveys/studies have not been completed to date. The NSSPs will be prepared and submitted to Caltrans's Division of Environmental Analysis (DEA) Headquarters for inclusion into the bid package. An Asbestos Compliance Plan is required if ACCM is detected during the survey/study; please note that asbestos removal (mitigation), transport, and disposal costs are highly dependent on the findings of the results of the survey.
- Use the project-specific NSSP 14-9.02 for demolition of the structures requiring National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) notifications to the US EPA, California Air Resources Board, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to comply with air quality regulations. As the asbestos survey results are not available prior to structure repair/construction activities, NSSPs are required to address this deficiency (CT DEA review and approval is needed); the approved NSSPs will be provided to the project team once received for each project.
- NSSP 14-11.18 will be provided for each project, as lead-based paint surveys and sampling has not been conducted to date. CT DEA review and approval is needed, and the NSSP shall be included in the bid package. This NSSP provides guidance for the contractor to perform/sub out sampling, analysis, removal, and management of lead paint on buildings to be repaired.
- If applicable to project, a lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is recommended for ground disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead. A LCP is required when lead concentrations in soil are non-hazardous (below 1,000 mg/kg total lead and below 5 mg/l soluble lead) or whenever disturbance of earth material (i.e. soil) could result in lead exposure, if ground disturbance will occur, and soil disposal in a permitted landfill is not required.
- SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste (TWW) provides guidance to address handling and disposal of wood waste generated during construction of the project (i.e. utility poles, sign posts; if applicable to the project).
- If applicable to project, Construction Standard Specification 14-11.15 shall be used as guidance to dispose of electrical equipment requiring special handling (if applicable to this project); Revised RSSP 87-21.03D can be used as guidance for the removal of electrical equipment.