



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): YUB 70 Eucalyptus Trees

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-YUBA-70

PM/PM: 8.29/13.60

EA: 03-1N270

EFIS: 0324000324

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation issued a District Director’s Order for tree removal on Interstate 70 from Post Mile 8.29 to Post Mile 13.60 in Yuba County. The proposed work consists of mobilization, remove damaged/structurally weak/dying trees, remove branches, stump grinding, tree disposal, remove damaged fence, installation of new fence, and incidental work.

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(d).** (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

Veronica Wilson	<i>Veronica Wilson</i>	12/30/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Thurman	<i>Anthony Thurman</i>	12/30/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 12/6/24

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:

Purpose and Need:

The purpose of the project is to remove structurally deficient Eucalyptus trees and to replace damaged fencing where required. This project is needed to avoid failure to the transportation system, which can result in the loss or impairment of life, health, and property.

Environmental Commitments:

The following commitments are required to ensure environmental compliance on this project.

Hazardous Waste Specifications:

- aerially deposited lead (SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii))

Coordination:

Right-of-Way:

All staging occurred within Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow:

Based on the scope of work, there was no disposal that required a borrow site.

No Permits:

Based on the scope of work, regulatory permits were not required.

Consultation/Coordination:

Based on the scope of work and due to the nature of the project, formal consultation or coordination was not required.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - YUB - 070 **PM/PM:** R8.290/13.600

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Project Description: Mobilization, remove damaged/structurally weak/dying trees, remove branches, stump grinding, tree disposal, remove damaged fence, install new fence, and incidental work

Date (Last modification): 12/6/2024

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PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1- No Permits Required	n/a						

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Cultural Resources	Comply with Standard Provision 14-2 Cultural Resources General	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Unregulated Earth Material Containing Lead	ISA	SSP	RE	submit LCP to safety officer for review and acceptance					

POST-CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Environmental Compliance Review	M600 CEC @ CCA	n/a	n/a	ECL						








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