

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): 800 S Victoria Ave
Ventura, CA 93009

County Clerk
County of: Ventura

(Address)

Project Title: Lockwood Valley Road Emergency Repairs Project

Project Applicant: Ventura County Public Works Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Lockwood Valley Road MP 1.75 and 12.69

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Following severe storm events that occurred in February 2024, Lockwood Valley Road requires permanent emergency repairs in unincorporated Ventura County. At mile point (MP) 1.75, the Cuyama River undermined the roadbed, breaking apart the asphalt and causing severe damage, leading to the closure of the road in both directions. The roadway needs to be repaired to facilitate safe reopening. At MP 12.69, the corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert passing beneath the roadway was damaged by high water pressure during the storm events. The culvert needs to be repaired for proper stormwater management, and to prevent additional erosion and undercutting of the roadway.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Ventura County Public Works Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Ventura County Public Works Agency

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:
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269(d) Emergency Projects

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lockwood Valley Road Emergency Repairs Project qualifies for the Section 15269(d) Statutory Exemption as the project is an emergency road repair project following extreme storm events in February 2024. The storm caused flooding that led to severe roadbed damage and the blow out of a storm drain culvert at MP 1.75 and 12.69, respectively. The repair project has been initiated within one year of the damage occurring. Lockwood Valley Road is not designated as an official state scenic highway. Additionally, this project would restore the road to its original condition with the addition of stormwater management and erosion control features. As seen in the project plans, the project would not add extra lanes, and the lanes would be restored to their original widths.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Anitha Balan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-654-2077

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: [Signature] Date: 12-30-24 Title: Director -Roads & Transportation

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.