

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation – District 11
4050 Taylor St.
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: 43185 I-15 High Tension Cable Barrier

Project Applicant: Caltrans Department of Transportation – District 11

Project Location - Specific: In San Diego County, on Route 15 from postmile R49.9 to R50.5

Project Location - City: Fallbrook Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a safety project to install a high-tension cable barrier (HTCB) guardrail at the shoulder along 0.6 postmiles of southbound I-15. Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) would be added on each end of the HTCB to shield it from vehicle collision. Vegetation control fiber mat would be installed along the length of the HTCB. Work would also include surface-level grading on non-paved areas out to the edge of slope; the removal of an existing asphalt concrete dike and other existing asphalt concrete aprons on the shoulder; the installation of a 1-foot v-ditch overside drain to connect to an existing 18-inch down drain; and the replacement of one and addition of a lighting standard on the shoulder where the onramp connects with the main travel way. All work would occur within Caltrans ROW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation – District 11

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, Article 19, Section 15301 (c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would require work on the shoulder of the travel-way, to install barriers and guardrail, within a public transportation facility. The scope of work would not increase the footprint of the freeway.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ashley Thota

Phone number: 8582891281

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: *Ashley Thota* Date: 1/21/2025 Title: Caltrans Environmental Scientist

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.