



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): ED 49 Rehabilitate Culverts Project 1

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-49

PM/PM: 17.22/19.96

EA: 03-3G500

EFIS: 0324000181

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes project, ED 49 Rehabilitate Culverts Project 1 to rehabilitate or replace existing deteriorated or failed culverts in El Dorado County along State Route (SR) 49 at various locations. The proposed work consists of lining or replacement of existing corrugated steel pipe driveway and cross culverts with similar or upsized culverts, and other drainage appurtenances including but not limited to Flared End Sections (FES), Headwalls (HW), and Rock Slope Protection (RSP).

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

Veronica Wilson	<i>Veronica Wilson</i>	01/21/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Jennifer Key	<i>Jennifer Key</i>	1/24/25
Print Name	Signature	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)(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: 1/15/25

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:

There are 11 culverts location as follows:

Location No.	County	Route	Post Mile
1	ED	49	17.22
2	ED	49	17.70
3	ED	49	17.79
4	ED	49	18.15
5	ED	49	18.20
6	ED	49	18.50
7	ED	49	18.53
8	ED	49	19.32
9	ED	49	19.41
10	ED	49	19.57
11	ED	49	19.96

Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate and/or replace deteriorated or failed culverts to preserve and prolong the service life of existing drainage systems in El Dorado County along State Route 49 within the project limits.

Need:

The need for this project is to ensure existing drainage systems are maintained in useable conditions to perpetuate existing drainage patterns. This is necessary for the continued transportation functionality of State Route 49.

Permit and Consultation:

Permits:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1600, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 401 and US Army Corps of Engineers 404 (Non- Reporting) Nationwide Permit (NWP) 3a.

Right-of-Way:

All work would occur within Caltrans Right-of-Way.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - ED - 049 **PM/PM:** 17.220/19.960 **EA/Project ID:** 03-3G500_ / 0324000181

Project Description: Rehabilitate failed culverts.

Date (Last modification): 1/15/2025

Environmental Planner: Obaida Akther

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Construction Liaison:

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Resident Engineer:

Phone:

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1600	California Department of Fish & Wildlife						
401	Regional Water Quality Control Board						
404 Non-Reporting	US Army Corps of Engineers		11/10/24				

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PRE-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
Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision 14-6.03D(1) Contractor-supplied biologist	NES	SSP	RE/ ECL	Submit contractor supplied biologist resumes to ECL for approval					
Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision 14-6.03A Species Protection	NES	SSP	RE/ECL/Biologist	Perform nesting bird surveys before clearing and grubbing/vegetation removal					
Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision 14-6.03B Bird Protection	NES	SSP	RE						

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
Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision 14-6.03D(1) Contractor-supplied biologist	NES	SSP	RE						

Environmental Commitments Record for ED 49 Rehabilitate Culverts Project 1

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Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision 14-6.03A Species Protection	NES	SSP	RE/ Biologist						
Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision 14-6.03B Bird Protection	NES	SSP	RE						
Cultural Resources	Comply with 14-2 Archaeological Resources General	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 36-4	ISA	SSP	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 7-1.02k6(j)(iii)	ISA	SSP	RE						