

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Multi-beam guardrail repair along eastbound I-8 near Buckman Springs in San Diego County

Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: eastbound I-8 near Buckman Springs in San Diego County at post mile 47.5

Project Location - City: Unincorporated in San Diego County Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a District Director's Order (DDO) emergency contract to remove and install approximately 350-feet of damaged metal beam guardrail (MBGR) along eastbound I-8 northwest of Buckman Springs at PM 47.5 in eastern San Diego County. The project also includes placement of construction area signs, and Traffic Control System to repair the damaged MBGR to current standards as requested by Traffic Safety and Operations. The construction and traffic control efforts required to bring the MBGR to current standards is beyond Caltrans' Maintenance force's capacity. This work must be completed as rapidly as possible to prevent long term closure or disruption of this essential route and to maintain full access for residents, emergency services, and commercial traffic.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, 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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans proposes a District Director's Order (DDO) emergency contract to remove and install approximately 350-feet of damaged metal beam guardrail along eastbound I-8 northwest of Buckman Springs in eastern San Diego County.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

Phone number: 858-289-1270

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: Emery McCaffery Date: 2/18/2025

Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 2/18/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Form adapted from Appendix E of the CEQA Guidelines

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