



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Ker 46 and 119 Cold Plane and Overlay

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-Ker-46, 119

**PM/PM:** Var

**EA:** 06-1H960

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation proposes a project which includes 0.10' cold plane AC pavement and replacing with 0.10' - 0.25' RHMA (TYPE G) from EP to EP (including driveways, pullout areas), in addition, new traffic striping and markers will be replaced in-kind. Existing traffic sign panels will be replaced utilizing the existing ground mount post(s). Work with include constructing shoulder backing. Work will include asphaltic emulsion (fog seal coating).

All work will be within existing State ROW. Work off the paved roadway is proposed. No Tree or Vegetation removal proposed. No Night work proposed.

Project construction work will be in Kern County on SR 46 from west of Wasco PM 19.0 to PM 26.0 and PM 46.0 to PM 49.0, as well as on SR 119 from north Maricopa PM 0.6 to PM 2.2.

**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**

Pedram Mafi

Print Name

  
Signature

04/07/2025

Date

**Project Manager**

Rene Sanchez

Print Name

  
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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)()
[ ] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()
[ ] Activity 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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/7/2025

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:

#### **Biology:**

KER-119 1.44/6.36 Both  
Sides

Restrict maintenance activities to the maintained shoulder (graded and shoulder backed areas). Activities beyond graded and shoulder backed areas, or areas that require mowing or removal of vegetation that has encroached on graded, and shoulder backed areas will require consultation. Maintained turnouts are exempt from these restrictions. Omit herbicides.

Restriction to protect saltbush scrub habitat; San Joaquin kit fox, Nelson's antelope squirrel, Tipton kangaroo rat, Tulare grasshopper mouse, short-nosed kangaroo rat, burrowing owl, Kern mallow plant.

#### **Cultural:**

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

#### **Hazardous Waste:**

- If applicable to project, a lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is recommended for ground disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead. An LCP is required when lead concentrations in soil are non-hazardous (below 1,000 mg/kg total lead and below 5 mg/l soluble lead) or whenever disturbance of earth material (i.e. soil) could result in lead exposure, if ground disturbance will occur, and soil disposal in a permitted landfill is not required.
- SSP 36-4 Work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic and addresses the need for a LCP (please note that one LCP may address soil and paint/marketing materials).