

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of Alpine

**From:** Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton, CA

Project Title: Carson Pass GAZEX Avalanche Control System Upgrades

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: The location is within Alpine County, off State Route 88 (SR-88) at Post Mile (PM) R5.228.

Project Location - City: Kirkwood                      Project Location - County: Alpine

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work consists of replacing eight exploders and five shelters in-kind. As well as replacing the remote-control systems, plumbing, gas supply lines, and solar charging equipment associated with this system. The purpose of the project is to upgrade the existing GAZEX avalanche control system at Carson Pass. The project is needed to ensure that the existing GAZEX avalanche control system meets current functional standards for the safety of the traveling public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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: Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources,

scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez Phone number: 209-670-9385

**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: *Maria Garcia Lopez* Date: 04/28/2025 Title: 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.