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# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

## TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## Transportation Department

### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

May 1, 2025

**PROJECT TITLE:** Dillion Road Bridge Emergency Project  
Work Order# S4163E, Task Code #3058

**PROJECT SPONSOR:** County of Riverside Transportation Department

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Community of Coachella Valley, Riverside County

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County of Riverside Transportation Department proposes to perform emergency repairs on Dillion Road Bridge (Bridge, No 56C0163).

The emergency project shall provide repairs needed at Dillon Road Bridge over the Coachella Canal. A recent traffic incident has damaged the metal beam guard rail on the east side of the bridge.

The scope of work includes replacing 6 posts and the metal beam guardrail (in-kind per as-built plans). Damaged deck segments of 2.5ft x 2ft in size shall be removed to reconstruct the Cast-In-Place anchor bolt assemblies and damaged concrete that is housing the anchor bolts. Additional dowels will be drilled and bonded to the concrete to provide strength to the anchor connecting to the concrete segments. There will be minimal concrete deck removal around the metal posts to replace the guardrail. Debris shall not fall into the channel.

All repairs will occur on the easterly end of the bridge, which is county maintained. For this minimal amount of work, the Contractor can stage their equipment within the County-maintained Right-of-Way.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

Replacement of a guardrail on an existing bridge conducted by the County of Riverside Transportation Department, who is a permittee as defined by the Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (CVMSHCP). The project is subject to compliance within the CVMSHCP. In accordance with Section 7 of the CVMSHCP, necessary operation and maintenance along existing roadways are considered covered activities within or outside of the Conservation Areas. Additionally, the project is considered to be under operation and

maintenance, therefore, it is a covered activity under the CVMSHCP. This project will comply with the construction guidelines following general Best Management Practices (BMPs).

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season (February 1 – September 1), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

**The County of Riverside Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:**

**Section 15269 (b)(c)(d), Statutory Exemption for Emergency Projects** –CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 allows for emergency repairs (b) to a public facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, and (c) specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The proposed activities qualify to be statutorily exempt from CEQA under Section 15269 (b) and (c) because the activity consists of repairing an existing bridge to provide service essential to public health and safety, and to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

**Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities**, allows for the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed activities qualify to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (c) because the activities consist of repair and maintenance of existing facilities that do not create additional traffic lanes and involve negligible or no expansion of use of the existing roadways and associated facilities.

By: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

Signed: Jan Bulinski

Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager



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DATE: May 1, 2025

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager *JB*

RE: **Project Name: Dillion Road Bridge Emergency Project**  
W.O. # S4163E Task Code #Z3058

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Don Copeland. If you have any questions, please contact Don Copeland at [dcopelan@rivco.org](mailto:dcopelan@rivco.org).

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**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER**

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO BILL  
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-  
537280-20000-3130500000 Task Order #S4163E Z3058

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#S4163E Task Code Z3058

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: May 1, 2025

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: *Jan Bulinski*

PRESENTED BY: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -





City of  
Indio

← Project Area

SR-86

I-10

City of  
Coachella



Clear Lake Dr

City of Indio

44th Ave

City of Coachella

Dillon Rd

← Project Area







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