



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Pole Replacement Project

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 07-LA-005

**PM/PM:** 17.532

**TRACKING Number:** 724-NUF-2481

**DEP CE Number:** 202503016

**Project Description**

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposes restringing overhead wires between poles 534075M and 534076M, remove and replace utility poles 534075M and 534076M and perform associated temporary traffic control activities with rolling traffic stops to complete the above-mentioned work within Caltrans' right-of-way along Interstate I-5 at Post Mile (PM) 17.532 in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. Ground disturbance will be necessary to remove and replace the utility poles. Excavation will have a maximum depth of 80-inches, a maximum width of 16-inch and a maximum length of 16 linear feet. No public utilities will be relocated, and no new right-of-way will be acquired for the project.

**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 2.** (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**

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Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Thao Tran	<i>Thao Tran</i>	05/01/2025
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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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 6 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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Susan Tse Koo (Print Name), Susan Tse Koo (Signature), 05/01/2025 (Date)

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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

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:**

- Please contact the Division of Environmental Planning should there be changes to the project scope.
- If there are any such changes to the proposed undertaking, an additional review by the cultural resource unit will be required. 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.