

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Stanislaus/ Merced

From: Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd Stockton, Ca 95205

Project Title: 10-1T770 MER-5 and STA-99 Electrical Upgrades

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Eight (8) locations along State Route (SR) 99 at Postmile (PM) 15.67, 15.76, 15.77, 15.850, 15.86, 16.8, 16.82 in Stanislaus County and Interstate(I) 5 at PM 17.58 in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Modesto/Los Banos Project Location - County: STA/MER

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work includes replacing all existing signal heads, existing conductors, and all LED luminaries at all 8 on/off ramps. All work will be done within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of the project is to ensure all electrical equipment is upgraded to the new standard. The project is needed to enhance safety and operational efficiency in Merced and Stanislaus counties.

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: 05/06/2025 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.