

Notice of Exemption

2019048202

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Dept. of Transportation
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Culvert Rehabilitation & Wildlife Crossing 03-44370

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Project Location - Specific:

This project is located on US Highway 50 in El Dorado County near Placerville and Camino at post mile (PM)
18.5-22.50

Project Location - City: Placerville

Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate deteriorated components of the roadway drainage system and extend the service life of the drainage facilities in need of repair. The purpose of the Wildlife Crossing (PM 22.5) is to accommodate wildlife movement across US 50.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

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: Class 1, Section 15301 - Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The operation, repair, maintenance permitting, leasing, or licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topological features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination is exempt under CEQA Section 15301-Existing Facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mike Bartlett

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-635-3430

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: _____ Date: 3/14/19 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPP: _____

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---|
| 03-ELD-50 | 18.5-18.89 | 03-4H370 | 0318000294 |
| Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) | P.M./P.M. | E.A/Project No. | Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No. |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a project on Interstate-50 in El Dorado County from post mile 18.5-18.89. Please see details of the scope of work on page 2.

CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)

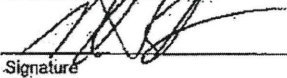
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- ☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency ☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA
- ☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080(b); 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:
- ☒ Categorically Exempt: Class 1 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- ☐ Categorically Exempt: General Rule 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 (CCR 15061(b)(3).)

Mike Bartlett

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or
Environmental Branch Chief

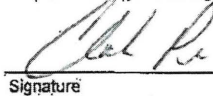
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Date

Clark Peri

Print Name: Project Manager



Signature

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Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- ☒ 23 USC 326: The State 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). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State 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 the State
- ☐ 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State 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.

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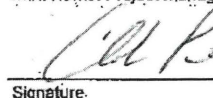
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Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer



Signature

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Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 1/25/2019

Date of ECR or equivalent:

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist; additional studies and design conditions).

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Continuation Sheet

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Scope of Work

Culvert Locations -- ED 50 PM 18.5-18.89

| County | Route | Sys No. | Postmile | Inlet No. | Outlet No. | Shape | Length | Material | Diameter | Performance Activity Category |
|--------------|-------|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|---|
| El Dorado | 050 | 250508101889 | 18.89 | 016 | 014 | Circular | 246.0 | CSP | 2.0 | Cure in place line Culvert (201.151) |
| El Dorado | 050 | 250508101889 | 18.89 | 007 | 005 | Circular | 170.0 | CSP | 2.5 | Cure in place line Culvert (201.151) |
| El Dorado | 050 | 250508101864 | 18.64 | 010 | 008 | Circular | 121.5 | CSP | 1.5 | Cure in place line Culvert (201.151) |
| El Dorado | 050 | 250508101864 | 18.64 | 007 | 005 | Circular | 111.4 | CSP | 1.5 | Cure in place line Culvert (201.151) |
| Total | | | | | | 4 Ed. | 648.9 | LF | | Cure in place line Culvert (201.151) |

- The rehabilitation work will involve cured in place lining
- Work will be done from the freeway shoulder and will require temporary shoulder closure.
- The inlet /outlets will be accessed from the roadway
- Minor vegetation removal may be necessary around the inlet to create room for pulling the liner

Wildlife Crossing (PM 22.5)

- Construction of a 12 x 12 precast concrete box culvert
- 8' wildlife fencing to replace the current Caltrans Right of Way fencing, wildlife escape ramps and passageways within the concrete median barrier
- Tree/vegetation removal will be required at the proposed location of the 12 x12 box culvert, as well as along the ROW fence line to install new wildlife fencing
- Tree/vegetation removal may also be required at the proposed wildlife escape ramp locations for construction

Environmental Commitments

- If vegetation removal during construction is required during bird nesting season (February 1 -- September 31), a pre-construction nesting survey is required. Standard Specification 14-6.03B
- ESAs are present. Mapping will be provided to demarcate sensitive areas to be avoided. Standard specification 14-1.02

Permits

- There are no permits required for this project.

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