

2019048208

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans
855 M Street
Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: Tulare 99 Guardrail replacement

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific:

On northbound State Route 99 at postmile 5.47 in Tulare County near the City of Earlimart

Project Location - City: Earlimart

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To maintain existing highway facilities, Caltrans proposes to remove and replace existing metal guardrail.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The purpose of the project is to repair and maintain existing facilities. There will be no expansion of existing uses.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shane Gunn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 445-6310

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: [Signature] Date: 4/9/2019 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 OPR:

State of California
Governor's Office of Planning & Research
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-TUL-99	R5.47	06A2333	N/A
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.)

Near the City of Earlimart, within Tulare County on northbound State Route (SR) 99 at postmile R5.47, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to utilize a service contract (contract 06A2333) to complete the following work:

Remove and replace existing metal guardrail

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

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080(b); 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- 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.

☐ 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)).]

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature

4/4/19
Date

Signature

04/08/2019
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.

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DIA Engineer

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: _____ 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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The following Caltrans Standard Specifications (2018) are applicable to the work:

- 14-2.03A- Archaeological Resources
- 14-6.03B – Protection of migratory birds (Migratory Bird Treaty Act)
- 14-8.02 – Noise control
- 14-11.06 (A and B) – Contractor-Generated Hazardous Waste
- 14-11.03 – Hazardous Waste Management
- 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste (A thru E)

Surplus earth material will not be disposed of or relinquished to the contractor. Any excavated material will be reused within the Caltrans right-of-way.

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