

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
855 M St.
Fresno CA 93721

County Clerk
County of: _____

Project Title: Kings Canyon Emergency Rockslide (Director's Order)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
On State Route 180 east of the junction with State Route 190, in between the two boundaries of Kings Canyon National Park beside the Kings River at PM 129.5

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Due to saturated rocky hillside conditions, a large section of rock face has collapsed onto SR 180 near Kings Canyon National Park, partially blocking the roadway. The size of the slide is beyond the means of State Forces to clear with their equipment. This project will remove the fallen rock material to reopen the roadway for public use. The material will be hauled and stockpiled less than a mile away at Convict Flat Campground. The roadway will also be patched with hot mix asphalt to repair any damage cause by the rock fall.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq
Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:
All work was done within Caltrans Right of Way, and on the existing pavement.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jeff Sorensen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 445-6447

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: 5/13/19 Title: Senior Environmental Planner
[X] 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 Co

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-FRE-180 129.5 06-0Y920 0619000189
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.)

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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. Class1(c). (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].)]

Jeff Sorensen

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature

5/10/19
Date

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Print Name: Project Manager

Signature

5/13/19
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

Signature

Date

Print Name: Project Manager/DRA Engineer

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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Standard Specification 13-1:Water Pollution

Standard Specification 14-8.02: Noise Control

Standard Specification 14-9.02: Air Pollution Control

Standard Specification 10-5: Dust Control

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