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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, Dist. 06
855 M Street, Suite 200
Fresno CA 93721

Project Title: ROUTE 46 CONV/EXWY SEGMENT 4b - Subsurface Investigation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
The California Department of Transportation proposes to conduct a subsurface investigation along State Route 46 at (approximately) Post Miles (PM) 29.96 and 30.03.

Project Location - City: Lost Hills Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The investigation would drill on the northeast and northwest sides of the California Aqueduct. Two borings are anticipated at the proposed locations using two different machines. First, a hollow stem auger would drill a 6-inch diameter boring to groundwater level (about 60 feet). The rest of the work would be done using a self-casing wire line mud rotary drill rig. The rig would drill a 4-inch diameter boring to the maximum depth of 200 feet. The proposed drilling would occur within the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way and is anticipated to take two weeks to complete. All work would be limited to the California Department of Water Resources' right-of-way.

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: Class 6 and Section 15306 Information Collection
[ ] Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:
Caltrans has determined the proposed subsurface investigation would not have a significant effect on the environment. Furthermore, it was determined the proposed investigation would not occur in a sensitive environment.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Richard Putler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-5286

- 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: Richard Putler Date: 6-5-19 Title: Senior Environmental Planner
[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

<b>06-KER-46</b>	<b>26.5/31.8</b>	<b>06-44255</b>	<b>0612000176</b>
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The purpose of this project is to conduct an environmental review of the surface investigative studies required to design the new State Route 46 bridge over the California Aqueduct. Caltrans will need to obtain an encroachment permit from the California Department of Water Resources, since the project is located within their right-of-way. The encroachment permit application requires a copy of the environmental document.

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