

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1L140: Peddler Hill Building Repairs

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located at the Milts Place Sand House (SH) at post mile (PM) 60.1 and the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station Equipment Building at PM 54.0 on State Route (SR) 88 within Amador County.

Project Location - City: Pioneer Project Location - County: AMA

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes repairing the Milts Place Sand House (SH) at PM 60.1 and the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station Equipment Building (EP) at PM 54.0 on SR- 88 in Amador County. The work at the SH includes replacing metal roof purlins and siding, repairing a damaged concrete wall, installing a new side door, and repairing the existing roll-up, metal door. The work at the EB includes replacing metal siding, installing insulated wall panels, and installing two steel door assemblies. The purpose of this project is to immediately repair the failing sections of the two maintenance buildings. The project is needed to ensure proper storage of Caltrans materials and equipment, and to ensure the safety of those entering the structures.

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: Existing Facilities section 15301
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, any cultural or scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8/7/19 Title: Associate 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 Code

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Subject: Submittal of Notice of Exemption

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are two (2) copies of the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the emergency building repair project in Amador County on State Route (SR) 88 at post miles 54.0 and 60.1. Also enclosed for your files is one (1) copy of the CEQA Categorical Exemption for the project.

It is our understanding that filing this NOE begins a 35-day statute of limitations on legal challenges to Caltrans' decision that the project is exempt from CEQA, to supersede the standard 180-day period.

Please date-stamp the NOE form in the "Date received for filing at OPR" blank then return the yellow copy to Caltrans District 10 in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions or comments, please call Elizabeth Hummel, Associate Environmental Planner, at (209) 948-3825.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "E. Hummel", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Hummel
Associate Environmental Planner

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

10-AMA-88 54.0, 60.1 1L140/1019000195
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) proposes repairing the Milts Place Sand House (SH) at post mile (PM) 60.1 and the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station Equipment Building at PM 54.0 on State Route (SR) 88 within Amador County. The scope of work at the SH includes replacing metal roof purlins and siding, repairing a damaged concrete wall, installing a new side door, and repairing the existing roll-up, metal door. The scope of work at the Peddler Hill Maintenance Station Equipment Building includes replacing metal siding, installing insulated wall panels, and installing two steel door assemblies. All work will occur within existing Caltrans right of way. The purpose of this project is to immediately repair the failing sections of the two maintenance buildings. The project is needed to ensure proper storage of Caltrans materials and equipment, and to ensure the safety of those entering the structures.

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 (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].)]

Dominic Vitali

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature

Ali Juma

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature Date 8/7/2019

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/DLA Engineer

Signature

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Continuation Sheet

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General:

- o Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

Cultural:

- o If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
 1. Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
 2. Protect the discovery area
 3. Notify the Engineer
 4. The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- o If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the same time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

No permits required.