

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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San Joaquin County Clerk  
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Stockton, CA 95202

**From:** California Department of Transportation  
1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard  
Stockton, California 95205

Project Title:

10-1M300 State Route 99/State Route 120 Interchange Improvements (Phase 1B Geotechnical Site Investigation)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Route 99, post miles 3.1-6.2/R5.1-T7.2

Project Location - City: Manteca                      Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in conjunction with the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) proposes to construct improvements to the State Route 99/State Route 120 interchange in the City of Manteca in San Joaquin County (10-1E740 State Route 99/State Route 120 Interchange Improvement Project). This separate Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion has been prepared to evaluate the geotechnical site investigation planned for Phase 1B (10-1M300) of this project's construction.

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 (14 CCR 15306)
  
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed geotechnical drilling will have "no effect" on any protected animal or plant species. The project has no potential to affect historic properties and no potential to affect historical resources. No hazardous material impacts are anticipated. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the geotechnical site investigation planned for the Phase 1B of the State Route 99/State Route 120 Interchange Improvement Project is Categorically Exempt.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Laura Cook

Phone number: (209) 662-2261

**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: Laura N. Cook Date: 1/27/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.