

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 6
2015 E Shields Ave
Fresno CA, 93726

Project Title: El Dorado to Clinton Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Route 99, between Belmont and Clinton Avenue

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation proposes to conduct potholing along State Route 99 between Belmont and Clinton Avenue. The work will involve the use of a hydro-vacuum truck, and compressed air or water to excavate and safely expose the selected utility. The potholes will have a maximum depth of 10 feet with a width of 6-to-8-inches at the surface, and possible widening of 1 to 2 feet at the bottom of the hole. After the utility is exposed and recorded, the hole will then be backfilled with fill-material and compacted in layers to ensure the hole is properly filled, and surface restored to its original condition. All work will take place within the existing 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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2 (c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because the utility potholing work will not be invasive and will not have a significant impact on the environmental surroundings and/or resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Judith Lopez

Phone number: 559-240-5068

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: Judith Lopez Date: 10/1/26 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

☐ 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.