



**CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): TRI 299 Slide Emergency 2023

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-TRI-299

PM/PM: 6.37

EA: 02-OK130

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0223000114

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, has completed repairs related to damage caused by a landslide on December 30, 2022. This emergency repair work was located in Trinity County on State Route 299 at Postmile 6.37. While only state funding was used for repairs, documentation has been prepared to NEPA standards in case federal reimbursement becomes available at a later date.

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Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1c.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

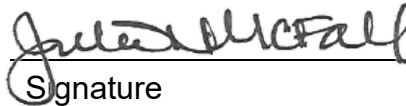
☐ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.

☐ **Covered by the 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].)

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Project Manager

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Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable**

Caltrans 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). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☒ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☒ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(9(ii))**

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**

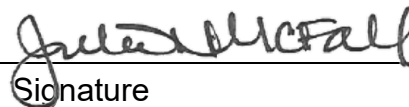
☐ **Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 7/10/23

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 2/2/2023

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

Additional work

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Winter storms on December 30, 2022 produced conditions that triggered a landslide in Trinity County on State Route 299 at Postmile 6.37.

Slide material was hauled off site and deposited to open areas near the project location. The stockpiled material will be used later as needed by Caltrans Maintenance crews for activities such as rock slope protection (RSP) placement.

Project work included: clearing the slide material off the traveled way, removal of 8 damaged hazard trees, 24 hour traffic control, replacement of damaged metal beam guard rail (MBGR), hauling off slide material to an open area that maintenance crews can later use, and construction of a berm to help control subsequent rock fall.

Geotechnical Design (Geotech) determined that additional drapery was needed for slope stabilization. This additional work was completed in a supplemental Director's Order. Approximately 8,000 square feet of wire mesh drapery, supported by 4 top anchors and 2 tag line anchors, was installed.

Purpose: The purpose of this project was to remove hazards, replace damaged assets, and repair facilities to Caltrans standards in order to restore public safety.

Need: The project was needed because the landslide prohibited travel for the public and damaged Caltrans assets.

Right-of-Way

Acquisitions or TCEs were not needed for this project due to work being confined to Caltrans Right of Way.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging and stockpiling took place on paved or graveled pullouts within the Caltrans Right of Way near the project area.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

Borrow material was not needed for this project. Excess slide material was stockpiled on nearby paved or graveled pullouts on the west side of the bridge at PM 6.4, and open space at PM 7.5. The material has been left in place for Maintenance's use.

Coordination/Consultation

Caltrans had an environmental evaluation conducted, consisting of a review of resource records and databases, consultation, and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals, including the Native American Heritage Commission and local tribes.



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Historic rock walls are within the project area. The slide and replacement of metal beam guardrail had no impact to the historic walls.

Permits

No permits were necessary with the scope of the emergency repair work.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-2-23

WHEREAS on January 4, 2023, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist throughout California as a result of severe winter storms related to the Atmospheric River event beginning on December 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS starting around December 27, 2022, this Atmospheric River event resulted in significant impacts to the State including, but not limited to, widespread flooding and power outages, downed trees, hazardous debris flows, mudslides, landslides, swelling of waterways, dam overflows, and levee failures; and

WHEREAS on January 16, 2023, I signed Executive Order N-1-23 to further bolster the emergency response to the severe winter storms and support impacted communities across the State; and

WHEREAS the impacts of this Atmospheric River event, including widespread flooding and infrastructure damage, have left many residents out of work; and

WHEREAS on January 8, 2023, I requested a Presidential Emergency Declaration related to this Atmospheric River event, which was expeditiously approved by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; and

WHEREAS on January 12, 2023, I also requested the President issue an Expedited Major Disaster Declaration related to this Atmospheric River event, which was again expeditiously approved by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., for certain designated counties and types of assistance; and

WHEREAS the State of California and local governments, in collaboration with the Federal government, continue sustained efforts to respond to and mitigate the effects of this Atmospheric River event, while at the same time beginning long term recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with the various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of this Atmospheric River event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627 do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The provisions of Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253(d) imposing a one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance applicants are suspended as to all applicants who are unemployed as a direct result of this Atmospheric River event who applied for unemployment insurance benefits during the time period beginning December 24, 2022, and ending on the

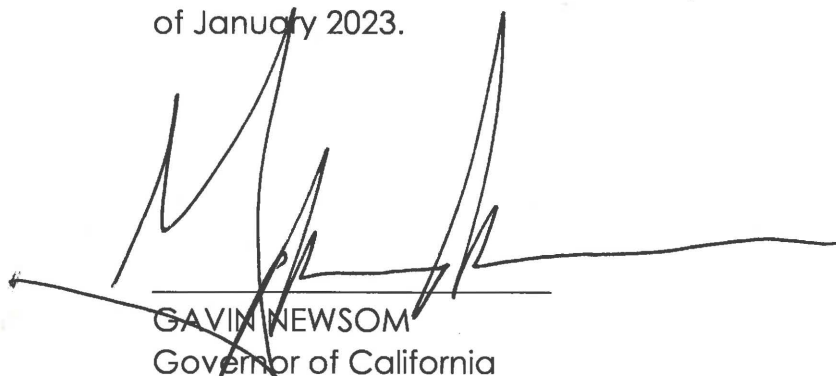
close of business on June 26, 2023, and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

2. The suspension of statutes identified in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-1-23, issued on January 16, 2023, shall also apply to local governments, as applicable, to ensure adequate staffing to appropriately respond to this Atmospheric River event.
3. Paragraphs 8 and 9 of my State of Emergency proclaimed on January 4, 2023, related to hours-of-service limitations for those drivers engaged in fuel transportation in support of emergency relief efforts, will terminate at 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2023.
4. Paragraph 10 of my State of Emergency proclaimed on January 4, 2023, related to out-of-state contractors and other utilities driving their own vehicles to provide mutual assistance for the restoration of electrical power, is terminated.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 31st day of January 2023.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
Secretary of State