

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:  Office of Planning and Research  
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County Assessor/Recorder/Clerk  
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices  
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260, MS A-33  
San Diego, CA 92101

FROM: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Environmental Services Unit  
**Attn: Annisa Busch**  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, MS O-332  
San Diego, CA 92123

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152**

Project Name: STATE ROUTE 125 OTAY MESA ROAD FREEWAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 1)

Project Location: State Route 125, East Otay Mesa

Project Applicant: County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123

Project Description: The proposed action includes a single Freeway Maintenance Agreement (FMA) to be executed for the completed Project of the construction of State Route (SR) 125 South located in East Otay Mesa. The FMA will define the County's and Caltrans' maintenance responsibilities at mile marker 0.74. Under this FMA, the County will maintain the westbound segment of Otay Mesa Road within the State's right-of-way. This includes approximately 0.18 miles of road pavement and 0.17 miles of curb, gutter, and sidewalk. Caltrans will continue to maintain all its freeway facilities in its right-of-way, including freeway surfaces, on and off-ramps, and bridge structures.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: William Morgan Telephone: 858-694-3087

Date Form Completed: January 8, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (County decision-making body) has approved the above-described project on January 8, 2025 (#1) and found the project to be exempt from CEQA under the following criteria:

**Exempt status and applicable section of the CEQA ("C") and/or State CEQA Guidelines ("G"): (check only one)**

- Categorical Exemption:** Sec. G
- Declared Emergency:** Sec. C 21080(b)(3); Sec. G 15269(a)
- Emergency Project:** Sec. C 21080(b)(4); Sec. G 15269(b)(c)
- General:** Sec. C.
- Ministerial:** Sec. C 21080(b)(1); G 15268
- Preliminary Review:** Sec. G 15060 (c)(3)
- Statutory Exemption:** Sec. G

**Statement of reasons why project is exempt:** California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) excludes certain activities from CEQA review if they do not qualify as "projects" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. This exclusion applies to organizational or administrative activities of government entities that will not result in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical changes to the environment, thus not triggering CEQA review. No new roads or facilities are proposed as part of this action. Today's action does not constitute approval of a specific project or guarantee that any projects will be constructed. Therefore, the proposed action qualifies as an organizational or administrative activity exempt from CEQA review under Section 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. Any future projects will be subject to further CEQA review prior to construction.

The following is to be completed only upon formal project approval by the appropriate County of San Diego decision-making body.

Signature: Kimberly Jones Telephone: 619-241-5059

Name (Print): Kimberly Jones Title: Environmental Planning Manager

This Notice of Exemption has been signed and filed by the County of San Diego.

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk as soon as possible after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than nine months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15062.