

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: Kern 178 Signs Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Various locations on US 395 and SR 178

Project Location - City: Pearsonville Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans District 9 is proposing to remove and replace signage throughout Kern County on US 395 and State Route 178. Current signs are worn, faded due to weather and/or are missing altogether. Removal and replacement will enhance safety of the traveling public to ensure that signs meet current retro-reflectivity standards.

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: 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

All work will be on disturbed areas within Caltrans right-of-way. With incorporation of avoidance and minimizations measures, the proposed project will not impact any known environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Stoerp

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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: Amber Stoerp Date: 5/27/2025 Title: 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.