

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: N/A

From: (Public Agency): State Water Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Caltrans EA 08-1R3704 (Repair damages resulted from Airport Fire)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The Project's approximate center is located along State Route 74 near its crossings with Grand Avenue and Tenaja Truck Trail, in Lake Elsinore, Riverside County, California (33.6525°N, 117.4066°W).

Project Location - City: Lake Elsinore Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to repair and replace debris retention devices, drainage systems, and highway safety features, and remove hazardous trees damaged by the Airport Fire that affected Riverside and Orange Counties in September and October, 2024.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

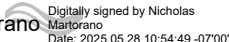
The Project is being carried out to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, and/or replace property or facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster-stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with section 8550 of the Government Code.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alex Lopez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 327-5620

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: Nicholas Martorano  Date: 5/28/2025 Title: Assistant Deputy Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____