

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Caltrans District 11  
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242  
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Damaged Guardrail on I-8 in Imperial County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: On the I-8 Eastbound postmile 4.6

Project Location - City: Ocotillo

Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Guardrail Replacement Project to replace 1,627 LF damaged guardrail on the Eastbound I-8, PM 4.6 in Imperial County. Project Work consists of replacement of guardrail in the same alignment and same length. The existing wood post guardrail shall be replaced with steel post according to Caltrans Standards to reduce fire risk. The contractor will drill in the existing alignment of the guardrail to replace and install new guardrail.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- 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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project work consists of operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Caltrans is repairing existing damaged guardrail in same location and length.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Petra El-Shammas

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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: *Petra El-Shammas*

Date: 6/10/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 6/10/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.