

## Notice of Exemption

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

County Clerk  
County of San Joaquin and Stanislaus

**From:** Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Stockton, Ca 95205

Project Title: 10-5C5000 STA and SJ Ditch Clearing

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Work will occur at five locations along State Route (SR) 33 at Postmiles (PM) 5.577, 13.94, 16.54, 23.43, & 24.83 in Stanislaus County and at one location along SR 132 at PM 2.6 in San Joaquin County.

Project Location - City: Patterson, Tracy Project Location - County: San Joaquin and Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work includes vegetation removal and utilizing a skid steer and tunnel mucker to clear accumulated debris and sediment. All work will be done within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of the project is to remove sediment, debris, and vegetation that have accumulated underneath these high-flood-risk ditches. The project is needed to improve water flow through the irrigation ditches to prevent flooding/damage to the highway system and adjacent private properties.

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: Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez Phone number: 209-670-9385

**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: Maria Garcia Lopez Date: 06/10/2025 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.