

Notice of Exemption

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From: Caltrans District 10
1976 E. Doctor MLK Blvd
Stockton, CA 95205

County Clerk
County of Merced County

Project Title: Midwest Guardrail System Installation

Project Applicant: Caltrans Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 10

Project Location - Specific: R0.73/ R4.82

Project Location - City: Merced Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Description: Installation of Midwest Guardrail Systems (MGS) at various locations on State Route 152. The Non-standard dikes and Metal Beam Guardrails (MBGR) would be replaced with standard dikes and MGS. Purpose: Reduce number and severity of run-off-road collisions. Beneficiaries: the commuters

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Transportation, District 10

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA Department of Transportation, District 10

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: 15301, Class 1(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated of existing public structures to meet current standards of public safety with no expansion of use beyond the existing. The project will occur within existing Caltrans right-of-way, no new acquisition. Avoidance and minimization measures incorporated into the project reduces construction impacts to negligible levels so there will be no significant environmental repercussions.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Laura Cook

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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: *Laura M. Cook* Date: 6/20/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by: Lead Agency Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____