

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of ORANGE

From: Caltrans District 12
1750 E. Fourth St. Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: DARC 12-ORA-005-0086-02 Discovery Science Center Trash Enclosure (25-01)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Discovery Science Center leases State-owned property located under the Broadway offramp of the Northbound Lane SR-5 Post Mile (PM) 2.1

Project Location - City: Santa Ana

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Discovery Science Center, OC (DSC) leases State-owned property located under the Broadway offramp of the North Bound lanes of I-5, in Santa Ana, CA, known as FLA 12-ORA-005-0086-02. As part of a project to redesign of a portion of the parking lot within the leased area by the tenant in 2015, a trash enclosure was constructed directly beneath Broadway off-ramp bridge and near the bridge abutment. This improvement is now in violation of current Airspace policy as directed by HQ Right of Way Airspace received in the district in 2024. District 12 Right of Way Airspace is seeking an exception from HQ Right of Way Airspace to allow the trash enclosure to remain in its position, with the approval of the District Airspace Review Committee (DARC).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: 15300 Class 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt under CEQA 15300 Class 1(c)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Carmen Lo

Phone number: 949-774-0756

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: Smita Deshpande

Date: 7/1/25

Title: Senior 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.