CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): 49 Rehabilitate Culverts Project 5

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-49 **PM/PM:** 22.600/23.100

EA: 03-3G560 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes this HM251 Maintenance project to rehabilitate and/or replace culverts at various locations along State Route (SR) 49 in El Dorado County, near the city of Coloma. It will also improve the conditions of inlet and outlet of certain culverts, as required.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class** 1(d). (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

☒ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the SER Chapter 34 for exceptions.

☐ **Covered by the Common Sense Exemption**. This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Jennifer Key	Jennifer Key	7/10/25
Print Name	Signature	Date

Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

☒ **Not Applicable**

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A	N/A	
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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A	N/A	
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 06/26/2025

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).

Continuation sheet:

Additional Work Elements Include:

- Location 1 PM 22.62
  - Remove/replace pipe with Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) (match exist size), regrade the ditch at outlet.
  - Remove/replace Flared End Section (FES) (match exist size).
- Location 2 PM 22.63
  - Upsize pipe to 18” RCP or equivalent size Arch pipe (equivalent size elliptical pipe).
  - Place concrete backfill at inlet.
  - Cut 2’ of the pipe at outlet.
  - Replace Rock Slope Protection (RSP) at outlet.
- Location 3 PM 22.69
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).
  - Place Drainage Inlet (DI) at inlet.
  - Place concrete backfill.
- Location 4 PM 22.87
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).
  - Remove/replace DI at inlet.
  - Remove/replace FES (match exist size).
- Location 5 PM 22.79
  - Remove/replace pipe with 18” RCP.
- Location 6 PM 22.87
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).
- Location 7 PM 22.89
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).
  - Regrade ditch at outlet.
- Location 8 PM 22.91
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).
- Location 9 PM 22.94
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).
  - Regrade ditch at inlet.
  - DI to remain and maintain its slope.
- Location 10 PM 22.96
  - Remove/replace pipe (match exist size and material).

- Location 11 PM 22.99
    - Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP) Line culvert.
    - DI to remain and maintain its slope.
- Location 12 PM 23.00
    - CIPP Line culvert.
- Location 13 PM 23.02
    - CIPP Line culvert.
- Location 14 PM 23.05
    - Remove/replace pipe with RCP(match exist pipe size).
    - Existing junction box at outlet to remain.

Staging

- Required staging areas will be within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

- The project does not anticipate the use of disposal and/or borrow site(s).

Right-of-Way

- All work will occur within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Consultation/Coordination

- No tribal concerns or sensitive cultural resources were identified during, or because of, Native American consultation for this undertaking.

Permits

- Regional Water Quality Control Board Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Non-reporting Nationwide Permit #14.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) 1600.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife LSAA 1600 Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA).

Utilities

- The work will not require any utility relocation.