



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Ker 58 Cold Plane Overlay

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-Ker-58

PM/PM: 50.611-51.807

EA: 06-1H980

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

This is a highway maintenance project with SHA funding, located in Kern County on old Route 58 from PM 50.6 to 51.8. The project intends to repair failed areas (0.10' cold plane existing pavement and replace it with 0.10' Hot Mix Asphalt-Gap Graded (HMA). The project is also removing and replacing the sign panels on the existing post or pole, adding signal black plates, replacing/refreshing the traffic stripe in kind. All the work is within Caltrans RW.

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.** (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

Pedram Mafi		06/26/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Gurpaul S Bath		07/16/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)()

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): Enter date

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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).



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Continuation sheet:

Cultural:

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

Hazardous Waste:

- If applicable to project, a lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is recommended for ground disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead. An LCP is required when lead concentrations in soil are non-hazardous (below 1,000 mg/kg total lead and below 5 mg/l soluble lead) or whenever disturbance of earth material (i.e. soil) could result in lead exposure, if ground disturbance will occur, and soil disposal in a permitted landfill is not required. • SSP 36-4 Work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic and addresses the need for a LCP (please note that one LCP may address soil and paint/marketing materials).