Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Transportation- District 8
Environmental Planning
464 W. 4th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: Rehabilitate Culverts- Rehabilitate 66” Culvert

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation- District 8

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 15 at Postmile 29.5

Project Location - City: Corona Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to rehabilitate an existing 66" Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) at PM 29.5 on Rte. 15 in Riverside County. The purpose of the project is to take preventative maintenance actions to delay or prevent culvert deterioration. The type of rehab will be concrete invert lining. The construction work will be performed from the inlet on De Palma Rd, and all equipment, and vehicles will be parked on the shoulder. Vehicles/equipment will not be traveling to and from the culvert work area. About 6 ft wide walkway for the construction crew to access the work site is needed, and to establish the walkway, plants and bushes will be cut to keep the roots in the soil and there will be minor clearing and grubbing located in front of the inlet and outlet for Fire Prevention of Welding Operation. The construction will take place in summer where no water expected to be flowing through the culverts, otherwise the water flow will be diverted. In case of rainfall, the work will be delayed. Before the construction starts, the inside of the culverts will be cleaned using high pressure wash, and BMP (fiber rolls or sandbags) will be applied at the outlets to stop the debris. Concrete will be pumped to the inside of the culvert using a hose which will be extended from the inlet all the way to the outlet, then the concrete invert lining process will start from the outlet going back to the inlet. No excavation is required for this process, but sediment removal at the outlet is needed. The work will be done within Caltrans Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation- District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation- District 8

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: PRC 21084;14 CCR 15301 Class 1(C).

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of rehabilitating an existing 66" Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) at PM 29.5 on Rte. 15 in Riverside County. which falls under Categorical Exemption- Class 1. Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng Phone number: (909) 261-3955

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: Malisa Lieng Date: 8/4/2025 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.