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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title:
Sutter Slough Bridge – Emergency Repair

Control Number:
PLER2024-00149

Project Location:
Sutter Slough Bridge Road crossing Sutter Slough, in Courtland, Sacramento County, CA.

APN:
Not applicable; the project is within public roadway

Description of Project:
Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SacDOT) proposes to repair the superstructure of the Sutter Slough Bridge Road Bridge. In September 2024, a high clearance vehicle hit the bracing on the bridge superstructure. Repairs would include replacing damaged features of the superstructure including portal bracing, top chord diagonal bracing, and rivets with bolted connections. All repairs would be completed on the superstructure and no work would be required in Sutter Slough.

Name of public agency approving project:
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Person or agency carrying out project:
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Exempt Status:
Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt:
Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, repair, 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. The project consists of the repair of an existing public facilities. The bridge repairs would be completed within the existing right-of-way and would not require the removal of structures, vegetation or trees. The

project would result in the continued use of the existing facility with little or no expansion of use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies?*

   The project exemption is not one of the above Classes; therefore, this exception does not apply.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

   The project will not result in significant environmental impacts as no additional impervious surface area is proposed, no work would be conducted within the waterway, and all repairs/construction would be completed on existing facility. Therefore, no cumulative impacts will result from the project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

   There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

   River Road/ Highway 160 (from the Sacramento City Limits at the northern edge of Freeport to the southern tip of the Delta at Antioch Bridge) is a designated State Scenic Highway. The project site is approximately 690 feet west of the designated State Scenic Highway. However, construction of the project would not damage scenic resources such as trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources. Additionally, any repairs to the bridge superstructure would maintain the existing aesthetic of the bridge. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

   The project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

   The Sutter Slough Bridge is included on Caltrans list of historic bridges; however, in a previous assessment it was found to be ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Implementing the necessary repairs for the bridge would not alter the bridge or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the resource.

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