Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: Mammoth Lakes 395 Wildlife Crossing (Potholing Operations)
Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 9

Project Location - Specific: Along southbound US 395 at post miles 19.6 and 20.2

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to perform potholing operations as part of the Mammoth Lakes 395 Wildlife Crossing project (in Mono County) to obtain data on existing underground utilities. The potholing operations will occur within Caltrans right-of-way at 8 locations along southbound US 395 at post miles 19.6 and 20.2.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 9

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 9

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: 15306 Class 6
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
All work will be on disturbed areas within Caltrans right-of-way. No known environmental resources will be impacted by the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dennee Alcala Phone number: 760-784-4236

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: Dennee Alcala Date: 08/14/2025 Title: Supervising Environmental Coordinator

☒ 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.

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