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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Honeysuckle Culvert Rehabilitation

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-NEV-174 **PM/PM:** 8.6/ 9.7

EA: 03-3G920 **EFIS:** 0325000150

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the Honeysuckle Culvert Rehabilitation Project at seven locations on State Route (SR) 174 between Post Miles (PM) 8.6 and 9.7 in Nevada County. The proposed work would replace and/or repair these culverts and bring them up to standard. (Continued on page 3.)

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

Veronica Wilson	Veronica Wilson	08/14/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Gary Dekens	Gary Dekens	08/15/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

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)(Enter activity number)**
- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**
- ☐ **Activity Enter activity number 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

N/A		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 8/13/25

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:

Work at the various project locations is described below:

#	Postmile	System Number	Material	Size (Length x Dia)	Work
1	8.6	171746000855	CSP & HDPE	148'x18"	Remove/Replace with 18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe
2	8.8	171744000884	CSP	75'x12"	Remove/Replace with 18" Reinforced Concrete Pipe
3	9.04	171740000904	CSP	63'x12"	Remove/Replace with 24" Reinforced Concrete Pipe
4	9.04	171740000904	CSP	23'x12"	Remove/Replace with 24" RCP, Install Head Wall on Inlet and construct AC/PCC Apron around DI on Outlet
5	9.23	171741200923	CSP	78'x18"	CIPP Line the existing 18" CSP
6	9.49	171740000949	CSP	78'x16"	Remove/Replace to 24" RCP install DI on Inlet
7	9.61	171740000961	CSP	20'x9.6"	Remove/Replace with 18" RCP

Purpose:

To provide timely maintenance to prevent or delay the need for costly culvert rehabilitation.

Need:

Many of the culverts on this stretch of highway are old and have some damage. Several are corroded, deteriorated, and don't meet the current standard. This project will replace/repair these culverts. It will also improve the conditions when needed at both ends, the inlet and the outlet, of the pipes.

Environmental Commitments

The following commitments is required to ensure environmental compliance on this project.

Hazardous Waste Specifications:

- SSP 36-4 Residue Containing Lead from Paints and Thermoplastic

Right of Way:
All work will occur within the Caltrans right of way.

Permits:
No permits are required.

Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - NEV - 174 **PM/PM:** 8.600/9.650 **EA/Project ID:** 03-3G920_ / 0325000150
Project Description: Rehabilitate failed Culverts
Date (Last modification): 8/13/2025
Environmental Planner: Obaida Akther **Phone:** 530-812-3325
Construction Liaison: **Phone:**
Resident Engineer: **Phone:**

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1- No Permits Required	n/a						

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PA&ED

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Biology	No Effect Memo Determination	Env Doc	n/a	Biologist	Write it	7/29/25	Rochelle Frymire	8/6/25		

PS&E/BEFORE RTL

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Hazardous Waste	Lead Compliance Plan	ISA			Make sure LCP is included in PSE					

CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Air Quality	Comply with Standard Specifications 14-9 Air Quality	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						
Cultural Resources	Use Standard Specification 14-2.03A.Archaeological Resources General	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 36-4 Residue Containing Lead from Paint and Thermoplastic	ISA	SSP	RE/ECL						
Noise	Comply with 7-1.02C Emissions Reduction									
Noise	Comply with Standard Specifications 14-8.02 Noise Control	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						

Environmental Commitments Record for Honeysuckle Culvert Rehabilitation

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Environmental Documents for EA 03-3G920

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