Notice of Exemption

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From: California Department of Transportation - District 11
4050 Taylor St.,
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: SR-186 All-American Canal Bridge Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 11

Project Location - Specific: PM 0.5/2.0

Project Location - City: Between Araz Junction and Andrade

Project Location - County: Imperial (IMP)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the existing bridge over the All-American Canal (canal) on State Route 186 (SR-186) between PM 0.5 and 2.0 in southeastern Imperial County, California.

The proposed new bridge would be a 580-foot-long segmental concrete bridge structure, crossing the canal just north of the existing bridge location. SR-186 would be realigned to meet the new bridge abutments on each end of the bridge. The bridge would include two 12-foot-wide lanes, one lane for each direction of travel, with eightfoot-wide shoulders and six-foot wide sidewalks. Tubular railing would be installed atop concrete barrier located along both sides of the bridge.

SR-186 would be realigned to meet the new bridge abutments, beginning south of the bridge at post mile 0.5 and terminate north of the bridge at the intersection of SR-186 with Interstate 8 (I-8) at post mile 2.0. The work would also include drainage, landscaping, right-of-way easements, utility relocation and preservation of environmentally sensitive areas. The total length of the project would be approximately 1.5 miles.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11

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: Class 2 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15302)

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 2 - replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

This replacement/new bridge will be located adjacent to the existing bridge and will serve the same purpose and capacity. The existing alignment crosses the All-American Canal (AAC) using a structure (Bridge 58-320) consisting of a more than 80-year-old U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) water flow check structure facility. The original bridge was constructed for maintenance and operations purposes and does not meet Caltrans' safety standards.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Danika Zikas Phone number: (619) 987-5962

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: Danika Zikas Date: 09/19/25 Title: Environmental Scientist

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 09/19/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.