Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 CVIN Encroachment Permit # 06-25-6-SV-1402

Project Applicant: CVIN, LLC

Project Location - Specific: Within the community of Spinks Corner, east of the City of Tulare in Tulare County between postmiles 21.952 and 27.133 on State Route 137.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated area Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The encroachment permit applicant, CVIN, is proposing to conduct environmental survey work within the community of Spinks Corner, east of the City of Tulare in Tulare County between postmiles 21.952 and 27.133 on State Route 137. Work will include windshield surveys, with occasional stops in designated pull-out areas to review and account for sensitive species. A notice will be placed behind the vehicle during stops for safety. All vehicles will remain within the maintained shoulder (graded/shoulder backed areas). No ground disturbance, vegetation disturbance, or wildlife trapping is permitted. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (06-25-6-SV-1402) for the survey work within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CVIN, LLC

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

Reasons why project is exempt:
Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15306 (Information Collection) Class 6 - Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a

serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel Phone number: (559) 383-5997

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: Date: 09/26/2025 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.