

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Merced

From: Caltrans, Dis. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: Merced Bridge Maintenance Work

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: At 8 different locations on State Routes (SR) 99, 152, and 165 in Merced County

Project Location - City: VAR

Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work includes bridge deck resurfacing, removing Asphalt Concrete overlay, removing and patching unsound concrete and spalls on the bridge decks, treating the bridge decks with methacrylate, replacing joint seals, constructing approach slabs, and placing polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck and approach slabs.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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: Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez Phone number: 209-670-9385

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: Maria Garcia Lopez Date: 10/17/2025 Title: 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.