

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Slope Paving on I-8 and I-15 in San Diego County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: Northbound (NB) I-15 (Bridge 58-0306R) and Eastbound (EB) I-8 (Bridge 57-0871R)

Project Location - City: Fallbrook, Winterhaven Project Location - County: San Diego, Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a slope paving project on Northbound (NB) I-15 (Bridge 58-0306R) and Eastbound (EB) I-8 (Bridge 57-0871R) in San Diego county and Imperial county. Project work consists of backfilling the slopes with an estimate of 8' x 25' x 2' ground disturbance at the NB I-15 location and an estimated 5' x 7' x 18' at the EB I-8 location to repair erosion damage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- 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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Caltrans is repairing slope damage caused by erosion, with no expansion of current use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Petra El-Shammas Phone number: 858-472-7328

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: *Petra El-Shammas* Date: 10/27/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/27/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.