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 - SR 163/NB I-15 HOV Onramp Guardrail System Replacement

Project Applicant - Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Northbound SR 163 at the northbound I-15 HOV onramp at postmile R11.28

Project Location - City: San Diego Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes to replace the existing guardrail system on northbound SR 163 at the northbound I-15 HOV onramp at postmile R11.28. All work is within the existing ramp pavement within Caltrans right-of-way, and there will be no staging areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, 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: 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans will replace the existing guardrail system on northbound SR 163 at the northbound I-15 HOV onramp at postmile R11.28.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery Phone number: 858-289-1270

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: Emery Mccaffery Date: 10/30/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 10/30/2025

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