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: I-5 Concrete Pavement Rehab in San Diego County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: Northbound I-5 just south of the Santa Margarita River Bridge (57-0007R).

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes to remove the existing deteriorated asphalt concrete and construct new concrete pavement along two lanes and edge line delineations on NB I-5 just south of the Santa Margarita River Bridge (57-0007R). The existing deteriorated asphalt concrete of lanes #3 and #4 (200ft x 24ft), located south of the Santa Margarita River Bridge, is in very poor condition with multiple cracks and potholes across all lanes. Rehabilitation is needed with concrete recommended as a replacement instead of asphalt concrete.

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:
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 proposes to remove the existing deteriorated asphalt concrete and construct new concrete pavement along two lanes and edge line delineations on NB I-5 just south of the Santa Margarita River Bridge (57-0007R).

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: 11/14/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 11/14/2025

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

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