CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Berry Summit Sand House Paving

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-HUM-299 **PM/PM:** 29.1

EA: 01-0N900 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

Cold plane 0.25' and replace failing asphalt surfacing at the Berry Summit Sand House maintenance facility to maintain storm water permit compliance. Install Class III electric vehicle charging station. (see continuation sheet)

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class** 1 (Existing Facilities). (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

☒ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the SER Chapter 34 for exceptions.

☐ **Covered by the Common Sense Exemption**. This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Julie East		11/13/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Brenda Howell	Brenda Howell	11/14/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

☒ **Not Applicable**

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☐ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)**
- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**
- ☐ **Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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Julie East	N/A	N/A
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Brenda Howell	N/A	N/A
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 07/08/2025

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).

Continuation sheet:

Purpose:
The purpose of this project is to replace failing asphalt surfacing at the Berry Summit Sand House Maintenance Facility and provide material storage containment areas.

Need:
The existing surface is no longer sufficient to contain materials required for snow and ice roadway maintenance. Longitudinal/transverse and alligator cracking are present throughout the facility and further asphalt degradation may influence storm water quality negatively. Caltrans Stormwater Program inspections identified these deficiencies. This project will keep the Caltrans Maintenance Facility compliant with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements.

Project description:
This project proposes to rehabilitate the pavement of the maintenance facility lot, replace the hot mix asphalt dike around the perimeter. All work is within existing Caltrans right of way.

The existing pavement and dike would be removed to a depth of 0.25 inches by grinding and cold plane. Approximately 1,680 square feet of hot mix asphalt would be used to pave the surface, and the dike would be replaced.

The project would also place a temporary, portable material bin for containing maintenance material, such as cinders. The bin would be composed of stackable concrete blocks, creating an L-shape. Each side would measure 42 feet long, 2 feet wide, and 6 feet tall.

The project would also install a Class III electric vehicle charging station for Caltrans Maintenance vehicles. A trench approximately 100 feet long, 3 feet deep, and 0.5 feet wide would be excavated with a trencher before paving to provide conduit that would eventually deliver power to the charger. The trench would begin at the existing PG&E box on the side of the maintenance building and run under the excavated pavement to the northeast corner of the existing lot.

Environmental technical studies to evaluate potential impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazardous waste, noise, water quality, and visual resources were completed between January and July 2025. No impacts to resources are expected from the project.

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