

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8
464 W 4th St.
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: Damage repair resulted from an Atmospheric River Storm. (EA 1R640)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 8

Project Location - Specific: 08-SBD-330 PM PM 29.6 to 43.9 near the town of Running Springs within San Bernardino County.

Project Location - City: Running Springs Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This Director's Order request proposes emergency repairs resulting from an Atmospheric River storm that brought heavy precipitation, causing flooding and debris flows within the Line Fire burn scar along sections of State Route 330 (SR-330). Drainage basins were filled up with large amounts of sediment, which overwhelmed drainage systems, over topped basins, and covered the roadway with debris. The debris flows that over topped the roadway damaged debris barriers, guardrails, cable railings, roadway signs, and also eroded and undermined parts of the roadway embankments, making the roadway unsafe for travel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

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: Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under CEQA (Class 1(C) Existing Facility) because it consists of minor repair and maintenance of existing facilities with no expansion of use, and no exceptions apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gita Tokhmafshan

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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: *Gita Tokhmafshan* Date: 11/19/2025 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☒ 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.