Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Repair of 10 Culverts using CIPP along SR 78

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Along State Route 78 (SR 78) at various locations from 0.3 miles west of West Zoo Road to 0.3 miles east of Casner Road in San Diego County

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes to repair 10 culverts using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining on State Route 78 (SR 78) at various locations from 0.3 miles west of West Zoo Road to 0.3 miles east of Casner Road in San Diego County. This project will not require temporary construction easements, permits to enter, or permanent acquisitions. This project will include shoulder, lane, and/or ramp closures to allow sufficient space for the contractor to access the culvert end treatment (AKA drainage inlet, etc.). No detours are required for this project. Work adjacent to the culvert end treatments will be limited to workers on foot with hand tools only. Construction equipment will be parked on the paved area and is limited to a vactor truck to clean the culverts, a CCTV/Cure truck for video and curing of culvert, and a service truck for unrolling liner. Signs are limited to Temporary Construction Area Signs, which will be placed in the vicinity of the culvert work and will not be installed in paved nor unpaved areas.

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 will repair 10 culverts using cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining on State Route 78 (SR 78) at various locations from 0.3 miles west of West Zoo Road to 0.3 miles east of Casner Road in San Diego County.

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: 12/11/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 12/11/2025

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

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