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 76 Street Light Installation

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Northerly terminus of SR 76 and Pauma Valley Drive at postmile 31.298 by the Pauma Valley Trading Center

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes to install highway lighting at the northerly terminus of SR 76 and Pauma Valley Drive at postmile 31.298 by the Pauma Valley Trading Center in San Diego County. Approximately 10 cubic yards of soil will be disturbed (Cast-In-Drilled-Hole [CIDH] for lighting standard) 2.5' diameter and 7' deep Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) is proposed to install the conduit. All work is within State Right of Way.

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 install highway lighting at the northerly terminus of SR 76 and Pauma Valley Drive at postmile 31.298 by the Pauma Valley Trading Center in San Diego County. Approximately 10 cubic yards of soil will be disturbed (Cast-In-Drilled-Hole [CIDH] for lighting standard) 2.5' diameter and 7' deep Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) is proposed to install the conduit.

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.