Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street,
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: California Department of Transportation – District 12
1750 E 4th St #100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: Clearance for Release of a Temporary Drainage Easement Located at I-5/TR-133 & Technology Dr.

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 12

Project Location - Specific: I-5 PM 23.6.

Project Location - City: Irvine

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans District 12) proposes to release a Temporary Drainage Easement (Parcel 300267-14/TR-133-A1) located in the city of Irvine (PM 23.6) back to the Irvine Company. The parcel is a linear swath along the east side of a drainage feature between I-5/SR-133 and Technology Drive (within APN 590-061-22) and has been given satisfactory concurrence from Caltrans Hydraulics.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation – District 12

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation – District 12

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: CCR Tit. 14 § 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sunny Saroa Phone number: (949) 556-2513

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: Smita Deshpande Date: 12/16/25 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ 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.