Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 8
464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor (MS 827)
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

Project Title: RIV 10 Road Weather Information System (RWIS) Repair; EA 08-1R570/ PN 0825000085

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Project Location – Specific: The project is located in two locations in Riverside County.

Project Location – City: Thousand Palms and Desert Hot Springs

Project Location – County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project proposes the installation of a Road Weather Information System (RWIS) and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras along State Route (SR) 10 in Riverside County. The work limits extend from approximately postmile 34.8, east of Indian Canyon Drive, to postmile 48.4, west of Washington Street. The scope of work includes installing a new service pedestal with foundation, establishing connections through the installation of a 4-inch conduit with conductors, placed 30-inches below grade, and constructing a 24-inch long by 4-inch-thick concrete pad in front of the Type III-BF service cabinet foundation. The foundation will be set 2-inches above grade in unpaved areas. All the work will be done within Public Right of Way. There will be Driving/Parking off pavement. No utility relocations or connections to new infrastructure are anticipated. Ground disturbance for boring, trenching, conduit and foundation installation will occur. This project is funded by State-only funding. Purpose: The purpose of this project is to provide Road Weather Information and other traffic information to the motorists. Need: The need of this project is to replace the stolen RWIS and CCTV cameras at these locations.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: N/A

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 (3)(d)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Covered exemption, previously disturbed areas and habitat, no impacts are anticipated.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kourtney Graves Phone number: (909) 472-1362

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: Kourtney Graves Date: 12/17/2025

Title: (Acting) Environmental Branch Chief

☒ 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.