

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Caltrans District 11  
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242  
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Channel Clearing DO at 5 Locations in San Diego County

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: I-8 Alvarado Canyon, I-15 Haller Street, SR 78 Buena Vista Creek, SR 78 Mission & Metcalf, and SR 805 Bonita Road

Project Location - City: San Diego, Vista, Escondido, Chula Vista    Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Channel Clearing project at five locations in San Diego County. Project work includes removing all invasive species, trimming and mowing vegetation and trees, and removing sediment to the original design elevation.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is determined to be an emergency due to an imminent threat to life and property. Caltrans is restoring property to its original capacity and standards, with no additional changes being made outside of the purpose for protecting against a emergency flooding and fire.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Petra El-Shammas

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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: Petra El-Shammas

Date: 12/23/2025

Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 12/23/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.