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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk
County of: N/A

From: (Public Agency): State Water Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(Address)

Project Title: Kelso-Cima and South Kelbaker Road Rehabilitation Project

Project Applicant: Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division

Project Location - Specific:

Kelso-Cima and South Kelbaker Roads; Start: Latitude: 34.7218° and Longitude: -115

Project Location - City: Kelso and Cima Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Road improvements include restriping pavement, adding mumble strips, widening shoulders, paving with asphalt concrete, realigning road segments at three locations, and adding exclusion fencing for desert tortoises. The Project would also install low-water crossing with riprap.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Federal Highway Administration

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: Existing Facilities (15301)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is located on a existing roads. Only negligible expansion will result from the Project, and no exceptions to the exemption apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Devin Jokerst Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-323-0883

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: Phillip Crader Digitally signed by Phillip Crader Date: 2025.12.29 13:35:44 -08'00' Water Boards Date: _____ Title: Deputy Director

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____