Notice of Exemption

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: Tunnel Lighting System

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: On state route 125 and 54 tunnel connector.

Project Location - City: Spring Valley Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Project to install new wall mounted tunnel lighting luminaire system and associated work at 1 location in San Diego County. The proposed work would occur on Route 54 at postmile 5.943 EB and WB on the route 125 and 54 connector and project work would secure new lighting to existing mounting plates.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

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: 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Project consists of the 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Caltrans is maintaining the pavement with no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Morgan Tusa Phone number: 858-472-7057

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: Morgan Tusa Date: 12/30/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 12/30/2025

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