Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Fire-Fuel Reduction Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: 06-FRE-168,180 TUL–190,198 KER-5,178

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The proposed scope of work includes vegetation removal and tree pruning from right-of-way line to right-of-way line along the length of the post-miles. The purpose of this project is to assist the state in wildfire resilience and to meet wildfire resilience goals. The project is needed for vegetation and wildfire management and to function as a fuel break or fire control line during emergency operations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: 4
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is a fire fuel reduction project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David Arredondo Phone number: 559-499-8163

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: David Arredondo Date: 9/15/2025 Title: 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.