

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street,
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Caltrans – District 12
1750 E 4th St Ste 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: 12-0W010 RTE 5/261 INTERCHANGE SINKHOLE-EMERGENCY PROJECT

Project Applicant: Caltrans – District 12

Project Location - Specific: 12-ORA-5 –27.480-27.500

Project Location - City: IRVINE Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Project work includes BACKFILL AND REPAIR THE SINKHOLE AREAS,
RECONSTRUCT THE ASPHALT PAVEMENT SECTION AND CONCRETE SLOPE
PAVING TO RESTORE THE FUNCTIONAL USE OF THE STATE FACILITY.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 12

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 12

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
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21080[B]; 14 CCR 15260 ET SEQ.)_____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The purpose of this work is to immediately restore functional use of state facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Smita Deshpande Phone number: 949-279-8704

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: Smita Deshpande Date: 12/30/2025 Title: SR 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.