

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Kern, Kings, and Madera

From: Caltrans, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: RWIS Modification in Kern, Kings, and Madera Counties

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Kern County on Routes 5, 46, 58, and 99 at postmiles 70.54, 6.31, 11.49, 55.49, and 56.37. Kings County on Route 41 at postmile 11.70. Madera County on Route 145 at postmile 0.41.

Project Location - City: Bakersfield, Delano, Kettleman City Project Location - County: Kern, Kings, Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation proposes to replace Roadside Weather Information Systems (RWIS) equipment in kind in Kern, Kings, and Madera Counties at various locations. Work off the paved roadway and ground disturbance is proposed. All work for this project will be performed within existing right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: Section 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Maintenance of existing facilities, not expanding on existing uses.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Daria Afonskaia

Phone number: 559-981-7066

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: *Daria Afonskaia* Date: 1/16/2026 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.