Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: _____

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From: (Public Agency) California Department of Transportation
District 11 – 4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Replacement of Thirteen (13) Damaged Lighting Assets on Various Routes in San Diego County.

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Project Location - Specific: Various locations & postmiles (PM) in San Diego County. Locations are along interstate I-05 (PM 38.5, 43.0, and 60.095), I-08 (PM 6.26), I-15 (8.1, 36.9, 36.9, 43.1), State Route 52 ([SR 52]PM 7.8), SR-78 (PM 0.604, 7.13, 11.508), & SR-163 (PM 8.9).

Project Location - City: San Diego **Project Location - County**: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is proposing the in-kind replacement of multiple damaged light poles as a result of vehicle collisions north of Interstate 8. The assets are located at various Postmiles (PM) along State Routes (SR) 5, 8, 15, 163, and 78, all within San Diego County, California. Work would include: 1). removal and disposal of existing damaged poles, 2). installation of new light poles matching existing type, height, and location, 3). reconnection of electrical service, **and** 4). minor excavation and concrete work for pole foundations, as needed, traffic control during construction. No new lighting locations will be added; all replacements are in-kind and within existing disturbed Caltrans right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation – 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: Class 1 - (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 - Operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joshua Espinoza

Area Code/ Telephone/ Extension: 619-509-0623

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: Joshua Espinoza Date: 01/20/2026 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.