

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
Counties of Alameda and Santa Clara

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Irrigation Controller and System Upgrades (EA 0X810)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is at various locations throughout Santa Clara County on SR-85, SR-87, US-101, SR-280, and I-880 and in Alameda County at the SR-84 Dumbarton Bridge Toll Plaza.

Project Location - City: Cupertino, Fremont, Los Gatos, Palo Alto, San Jose, Saratoga,

Project Location - County: Alameda and Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes upgrading irrigation systems on State Route (SR-) 85, SR-87, US-101, SR-280, and Interstate (I-) 880 in Santa Clara County and installing a water submeter and valve box at the SR-84 Dumbarton Bridge Toll Plaza in Alameda County. The existing irrigation controllers at 18 locations will be upgraded to SMART controllers and the existing irrigation systems will be repaired as needed. No heavy equipment will be necessary – construction will require mostly hand digging or trenching to a maximum depth of 18 inches. Some project elements will occur off the paved roadway.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 1/22/26

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.