

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 08
464 W 4th St. San Bernardino, CA 92401

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: SRL Chiller Replacement DO# 1R280

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 8

Project Location - Specific:

13970 Victoria St. Fontana, CA 92336

Project Location - City: Fontana Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This District Director's Order request proposed to repair a failed chiller system due to a malfunctioning compressor for the Southern Regional Lab (SRL) in Fontana, San Bernardino County. The district has exhausted all options for temporary repairs to the chiller system. Moving forward, the work required is to replace the nonfunctional chiller system, remove existing nonfunctional chiller system, add new water and electrical connection for new chiller.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under CEQA (Class 1) Existing Facility because it consists of minor repair and maintenance of existing facilities with no expansion of use, and no exceptions apply.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Gita Tokhmafshan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-501-5742

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:  Date: 01/19/2026 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____