

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Damaged Bridge Rail Repair – I-8 at Colorado River Bridge (Bridge No. 58-0286)

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Imperial County along Interstate 8 (I-8) at the Colorado River Bridge

Project Location - City: unincorporated

Project Location - County: Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to repair a damaged bridge rail in Imperial County along Interstate 8 (I-8) at the Colorado River Bridge (Bridge No. 58-0286) because the construction and control efforts required to repair the bridge rail is beyond Caltrans' Maintenance capacity. The repair work includes securing the site with temporary k-rail, and repairing other damages discovered during construction as needed. Construction Area Signs & Traffic Control System will be in place for the safety of the traveling motorist. The road is currently open with shoulder closure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- ☐ 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: 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans will repair a damaged bridge rail in Imperial County along Interstate 8 (I-8) at the Colorado River Bridge (Bridge No. 58-0286) because the construction and control efforts required to repair the bridge rail is beyond Caltrans' Maintenance capacity.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

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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: Emery McCaffery Date: 1/28/2026

Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 1/28/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.