Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8, Environmental Planning
464 West 4th Street, MS 823
San Bernardino, California 92401

Project Title: SBd 40 Upgrade Safety Roadside Rest Areas (Desert Oasis)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 40 (I-40) PM R27.9 to PM R28.8

Project Location - City: Approx. 27.5 mi E of Barstow Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project proposes to expand and modernize the Westbound (WB) side of the Desert Oasis Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) on Interstate (I)-40, in San Bernardino County. Work would include the demolition of existing restroom and parking facilities and replacing them with larger restroom facilities and expanded parking, adding a maintenance crew office, replacing existing picnic shelters with new ones, and upgrading the water and wastewater systems. Landscape mounding and placement of gravel mulch would be installed over and around an existing PG&E 34" diameter gas line on the southern side of the rest area to deter truck parking over the line. Shade trees and other landscaping would be installed throughout the pedestrian core.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, 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 (d). Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. All

project activities would be conducted on the Desert Oasis Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA). All work would be within Caltrans R/W.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cesar Garcia Phone number: (909) 472-1699

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: Cesar Garcia Date: 2/2/26 Title: Senior Env 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.