

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Caltrans  
464 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, MS 820  
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: Riv 15 CAPM

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: I-15 in Murrieta, Wildomar, and Lake Elsinore

Project Location - City: Murrieta, Wildomar and Lake Elsinore

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will construct the following improvements on Interstate 15 from 1.4 miles south of Murrieta Hot Springs Road to 0.2 miles north of Nichols Road: random slab replacement; 0.15" cold plane and overlay on shoulders, ramps and I-215/I-15 connectors; grind existing concrete pavement on all mainline lanes; upgrade 19 transportation management systems, 12, signals and 6 ramp metering systems; replace 20 soffit lights and 23 light poles; eliminate sidewalk gaps on south side of Wildomar Trail; convert the existing shoulder on the north side of Bundy Canyon Road to a Class II bike lane with signage and pavement markers; construct 2 new curb ramps and 2 new refuge pads to current American with Disabilities standards; upgrade 2 weigh in motion systems; install 13 maintenance vehicle pull outs; paving beyond gore areas; light duty maintenance area trails; upgrade existing guardrail and end treatments to current standards; install trash capture devices on four existing drainage systems; install conduit and pull boxes at Central northbound ramp, Lemon Street, and Bundy Canyon northbound ramp.

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: 1c
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will construct improvements to an existing facility and will not create additional automobile lanes.

Lead Agency Contact Person: James Shankel

Phone number: (909) 472-5831

**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: James Shankel Date: 02/09/2026 Title: Acting Office Chief, Env Planning

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.