

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Dept of Transportation
500 South Main St
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: Sonora Junction HMS Roof Replacement

Project Applicant: California Dept of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: US 395 Post Miles 93.81

Project Location - City: Sonora Junction Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This HM funded project will replace the existing leaking roof with a new roof on the Sonora Junction Maintenance Station. The scope of the work proposes to remove and legally dispose of the existing asphalt roof and installing a new Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO) roof. The work limits include the crew roof and truck bay at the Maintenance Station. All work will be performed within the existing maintenance station footprint and all staging operations will occur on paved or disturbed dirt surfaces within the fenced limits of the maintenance station.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Dept of Transportation

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: 15301 – Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Project is exempt because it involves:

- *To avoid take of migratory birds*: The nesting period for residents and neotropical birds in this region extends from May 1 to July 30. To avoid any direct or indirect

impacts to nesting birds, all construction activities will occur outside the nesting period from August 1 to April 30.

Hazardous Waste

- **Asbestos Removal: Compliance with Standard Special Provisions (SSP)** Section 14-11.17 requires pre-construction asbestos surveys and the preparation and approval of required work plans. Any asbestos-containing materials encountered would be properly managed, removed, transported, and disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, State, and local regulations. Implementation of these measures would avoid the release of hazardous materials and would not result in a significant environmental impact.

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of routine maintenance to replace an existing leaking roof at the Sonora Junction Maintenance Station. All work would occur within the existing facility footprint and disturbed areas, would not expand use or capacity, and would not result in significant environmental impacts. The project is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stephen Pfeiler Phone number: 760-874-8329

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: *Stephen Pfeiler* Date: 2/6/2026 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

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.