



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Caltrans Permit 08-25-N-SV-1518 (W.O. #2023327 - City of Chino Survey Permit)

DIST-CO-RTE: 08-SBD-83

PM/PM: 0.56 – 1.38

EA: 08-25-N-SV-1518 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

An Encroachment permit was requested to perform geotechnical borings along SR-83 (Euclid Ave) from postmile 0.56, south of Pomona Rincon Rd to postmile 1.38, north of M Combs Way. All borings will occur within Caltrans right-of-way.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 6** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

James L. Camarillo

Print Name

Signature

02/11/2026

Date

Project Manager

Jiaqian Li

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Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (C)(24)**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(__)**
- Activity __listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 01/29/2026



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Continuation sheet:

The purpose of this project is to obtain geotechnical information to be used for the future design of improvements along this corridor. The improvements to the roadway will occur after Caltrans relinquishes the facility to the City of Chino.

The project proposed immediate work to be completed will consist of multiple geotechnical borings. These borings are required to advance the design of future improvements.

The following technical documentation were prepared in conjunction with determining and addressing applicable California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation and compliance requirements.

Environmental Summary Memo for Biological Compliance - January 29, 2026

Environmental Summary Memo for Cultural Resources - December 29, 2025

Noise Review Memorandum - April 8, 2025

Hazardous Waste Memorandum - February 11, 2026

Air Quality Review Memorandum - April 10, 2025

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

In coordination with the District Biological Studies, on January 29, 2025, the Biological Resource section of the Environmental Summary, which was prepared by Edison's Consultant on November 24, 2025, was reviewed and determined to be adequate.

Avoidance and Minimization Measures

BIO-1: Work would avoid Least Bell's Vireo Breeding (LBV) season mid-March to September

BIO-2: Pre-construction nesting bird survey would be conducted 500 ft from construction area by a biological monitor familiar with LBV would be provided by permittee and would monitor for LBV during construction

BIO-3: If LBV is encountered, then all work within 500 ft of nest would stop until fledglings leaves nest on their own accord.

CULTURAL STUDIES

In coordination with the District Cultural Studies, on January 29, 2025, the Cultural Resource section of the Environmental Summary, which was prepared by city's Consultant on January 22, 2025, the information provided and work being done within Caltrans RW, the cultural documentation provided by the applicant is sufficient. No further review from Cultural Studies is needed.



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NOISE

In coordination with the District's Environmental Engineering, on January 28, 2026, the Noise section of the Environmental Summary, which was prepared by city's Consultant on April 8, 2025, was reviewed and determined to be adequate.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AND MATERIAL

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, it was determined that the utility potholes are intended for data collection for information gathering which would not result in a serious disturbance of soil, and hence, the permit is recommended providing the permittee complies with the Encroachment Permit General provisions and the 2025 Caltrans Standard Specifications.

AIR QUALITY

In coordination with the District's Environmental Engineering, on January 28, 2026, the Air Quality section of the Environmental Summary, which was prepared by city's Consultant on April 10, 2025, was reviewed and determined to be adequate.