



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):**

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 08 -SBD-330

**PM/PM:** 34.26

**EA:** 08-25-6-UT-0089

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The propose of this Encroachment Permit request is to involve undergrounding a 12 kV circuit along the east side of the roadway, shoulder areas of Highway 330. The installation of approximately 2.13 miles of trench for (2) 5" and (2) 6" conduits, placement of (10) manholes on the shoulder areas of Highway 330 and placement of (4) pull boxes on the shoulder areas of Highway 330 in the city of Highland, San Bernardino, California. The work within Caltrans ROW and this CE covers work within the Caltrans ROW only.

**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 2(C)** (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

02/17/2026

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Project Manager**

Jiaqian Li

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] 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 ( )
[ ] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[ ] Activity Enter activity number 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

NA

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/20/2025



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Continuation sheet:

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

- **Biological Resources – Email Concurrence** – December 02, 2025
- **Cultural Studies Email Concurrence**- November 24, 2025
- **Air Quality Memorandum**- November 19, 2025
- **Noise Study Memorandum**- November 24, 2025
- **Hazardous Waste Memorandum**- November 25, 2025

### **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES/PERMITS**

In coordination with the District Biological Studies, a review of the permit package provided by the applicant was completed on December 02, 2025.

The information is determined to be compliant. Also, minimization measures were reviewed which would be used to offset the potential impacts to biological resources identified under the Biological Technical Report prepared by the permittee's consultant. Biological Studies has no further comments on the issuance of the encroachment permit.

### **Cultural Study**

In coordination with the District Cultural Studies, the Cultural Resource documentation on November 24, 2025 provided with the application is adequate to cover Caltrans' responsibilities this undertaking is exempt from further review, no additional archaeological or built environment studies are required at this time and the CEQA cultural resources component, and PRC 5024 compliance are complete. This memorandum documents compliance with the agreed-upon historic preservation procedures.

### **Avoidance, and Minimization Measures**

- **CR-1:** If buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, it is Caltrans policy that work stop within 60 feet of the area until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.
- **CR-2:** In the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage



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Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Division of Environmental Planning; Gabrielle Duff, DEBC: (909) 501-5142 and Julie Scrivner, DNAC: (909) 260-8265. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

#### **Noise Study Memorandum**

Traffic noise impact is not predicted for this project scope under 23 CFR 772.7 per Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol. This project is determined to be Type III Category; therefore, noise analysis is not required. Standard specification SS 14-8.02 Noise Control should be followed.

#### **Air Quality Memorandum**

This project is listed in Table 1, Carbon Monoxide (CO) Protocol. It is exempt from all air emissions analyses. Therefore, no air quality study is needed.

#### **Hazardous Waste/Material**

Per email from Caltrans Environmental Engineering on November 25, 2025. The permit work may proceed as scheduled providing the permittee complies with the following:

#### **Avoidance, and Minimization Measures:**

- **HZW-1:** Permittee shall submit a lead compliance plan (LCP) prepared specifically for the project.
- **HZW-2:** It is the contractor's responsibility to test excess soil generated by the project (if any) for hazardous content prior to disposal.