

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8
464 W 4th St.
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: RICE ROAD DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PERMIT PROJECT # 0283

Project Applicant: Jordan Trepp/ IP Easley, LLC

Project Location - Specific: Rice Road (SR-177)

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Riverside County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

An Encroachment permit project proposes to construct a private access road driveway at five locations, including the widening of Rice Road (SR 177) for the construction of exclusive northbound and southbound left lanes and a northbound right turn lane, to provide access to the proposed Easley Solar project. All work will take place in Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, 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(C) , Existing Facilities, 14 CCR § 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:


This project is exempt under CEQA (Class 1(C)) Minor alteration of existing highway and Street involving negligible or no expansion of use, and no exceptions apply. No

work will take place beyond Form adapted from Appendix E of the CEQA Guidelines August 2024.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Gita Tokhmafshan Phone number: 909-501-5742

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:  Date: 02/19/2026 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

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.