

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8, Environmental Planning
464 West 4th Street, MS 823
San Bernardino, California 92401

Project Title: I-15 Rainbow California Vehicle Enforcement Facility Electrical Upgrades

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location - Specific: Interstate-15 from Postmile (PM) R0.600 and PM R1.400

Project Location - City: Fallbrook

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes replacements for an extinguishable message sign (EMS), five signal heads, nine flashing beacons on existing structures and the weight in motion (WIM) scale, loops, and conductors at the Interstate-15 Rainbow California Vehicle Enforcement Facility (CVEF) in Riverside County in between Postmile (PM) R0.600 and PM R1.400. The work would include the replacement of underground cables by using existing underground conduits, electronic equipment in existing controller cabinets, and vehicle detection in the existing roadway. All work would be inside of existing State Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, 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 (a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt due to Class 1, which consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public/private structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The project falls into section a of Class 1 as the project involves interior and exterior alterations of electrical conveyances.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng

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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: Malisa Lieng Date: 2/26/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.