



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** DARC Lease Renewal Agreement - Crown Caste Wireless; Site Licensing Agreement - Ref Permit # 08-03-6-AS-0864

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

City of Highland

**PM/PM:** 34.098

**EA:** 0000001326

**Federal-Aid Project Number:**

**Project Description**

The subject site includes an existing active wireless communication tower located at Post Mile 34 along State Route 330 (SR-330) in the City of Highland, County of San Bernardino. The request is for renewal of the Site License Agreement for the use of airspace within the 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 1(b).** (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

03/05/2026

Date

**Project Manager**

Milele Robertson

Print Name

Signature

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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 ()**

**23 CFR 771.117(d): activity ()(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

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Print Name

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** N/A



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Continuation sheet:

The subject site was constructed in 2003 and remains operational. Castle Wireless has submitted a request to renew the existing Site Licensing Agreement. In addition, the Master Licensing Agreement has been updated to reflect a change in ownership.

Approval of the requested renewal would allow continued operation of the existing facility under the updated ownership structure and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the revised Master Licensing Agreement.

**Biological Resources Email** – 03/05/2026

**Cultural Resources Memorandum** – 03/04/2026

**Air Quality Memorandum** - 03/02/2026

**Hazardous Waste/Material Memorandum** - 02/26/2026

**Noise Study Memorandum** - 03/02/2026

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.

**Biological Resources email** – 03/05/2026

Pursuant to review by Caltrans' District Airspace Review Committee (DARC) and evaluation of the Site Licensing Agreement, the project site has been assessed by the District Biologist for potential biological concerns. Based on this review, there are no objections to renewal of the Site Licensing Agreement.

**Cultural Resources email**- 02/17/2026

Pursuant to review by Caltrans' District Airspace Review Committee (DARC) and evaluation of the Site Licensing Agreement, the project site has been assessed by Cultural Studies staff. Based on this review, there are no objections to renewal of the Site Licensing Agreement.

**Hazardous Waste/Material Memorandum** - 02/26/2026.

The District Environmental Engineering staff have reviewed the proposed site licensing agreement and have no reservation on the renewal of existing Site Licensing Agreement.



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### **Noise Study Memorandum** - 03/02/2026

Pursuant to review by Caltrans' District Airspace Review Committee (DARC) and evaluation of the Site Licensing Agreement, the project site has been assessed by the Environmental Engineering staff, based on their evaluation there are no objections to renewal of the Site Licensing Agreement.

### **Air Quality Memorandum** - 03/02/2026

Pursuant to review by Caltrans' District Airspace Review Committee (DARC) and evaluation of the Site Licensing Agreement, the project site has been assessed for potential air quality concerns. Based on this review, there are no objections to renewal of the Site Licensing Agreement.