

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** Caltrans District 8  
464 W 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: Director's Order- SBD 38 Washout-1T330

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 8

Project Location - Specific:

State Route -38 is within the EL Dorado Fire burn scar, spanning from PM 14.9 to PM 44.2.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Director's Order (DO) requested to repair storm damage to SR-38 within the EL Dorado Fire burn scar, spanning from PM 14.9 to PM 44.2. The storms triggered washouts, flooding, and debris flow that led to severe erosion, undermined embankments, blocked culverts and inlets, damaged flexible barriers, and compromised guardrails, cable railing, and signage.

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:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

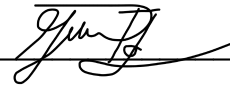
Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is statutorily exempt under CEQA pursuant to public resources Code Section 21080(b)(3) and CEQA Guidelines 15269(a); Storm damage created hazardous conditions that threaten public health and safety. The project of emergency repairs is necessary to restore the facility to its pre-storm condition. All work occurs within the existing footprint. 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: 03/12/2026 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.