Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans District 8
464 West 4th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401
(Address)

County Clerk
County of: San Bernardino
222 West Hospitality Lane
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Project Title: Middle-Mile Broadband Encroachment Permit 08-25-6-BB-0153

Project Applicant: Arcadian Inc.

Project Location—Specific:
08-SBD-40 PM 107.17/143.75

Project Location—City: Needles Project Location—County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to install approximately 36.58 miles of broadband fiber high-density polyethylene conduit system along Interstate (I)-40 between postmile (PM) 107.17 and PM 143.75 in San Bernardino County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Arcadian Inc.

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: PRC 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

The work proposed under permit 08-25-6-BB-0153 meets the conditions established in the Senate Bill 156 for Statutory Exemption. This permit is a component of the statewide open-access middle-mile broadband network, constructed within 30 feet of right of way, and incorporates measures to address potential environmental impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kenya Amezcua Area Code/Telephone/ Extension: 9094722632

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: Kenya Amezcua Digitally signed by Kenya Amezcua Date: 2026.03.17 11:29:23 -07'00' Date: 3/17/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by:

■ Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____