



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): ASPHALT GRIND AND OVERLAY

DIST-CO-RTE: 08-RIV-10

PM/PM: R5.55

EP: 08-25-6-CD-1384

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

An Encroachment Permit has been requested to construct off-site improvements within Caltrans right-of-way along Oak Valley Parkway at the I-10 off-ramp. Improvements include new asphalt grind & overlay, concrete median, asphalt paving slot patch, and the associated traffic control necessary to perform the permanent construction work. All work will occur within 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(c).** (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	<i>James Camarillo</i>	3/16/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Karen L Adame	<i>Karen L Adame</i>	3/17/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] 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 (d)(_)
[] Activity _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

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA

Print Name

Signature

Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 02/08/2026



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Continuation sheet:

The following technical documentation and reviews were prepared in conjunction with determining and addressing applicable California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) documentation and compliance requirements:

- **Biological Resources – Email Concurrence** – March 5, 2026
- **Cultural Studies Memorandum** – January 8, 2026
- **Air Quality Memorandum** – January 28, 2026
- **Noise Study Memorandum** – January 27, 2026
- **Hazardous Waste Memorandum** – January 28, 2026
- **Initial Site Assessment (ISA) Checklist** - November 13, 2025.
- **Transportation Air Quality Conformity Findings Checklist** - November 14, 2025

Biological Resources Email Concurrence – March 5, 2026

In coordination with the District Biological Studies, a review of the permit package provided by the applicant was completed March 5, 2026.

The information is determined to be compliant. Also, minimization measures were reviewed which would be used to offset the potential impacts to biological resources identified under the Biological Technical Report prepared by the permittee's consultant. The permit work may proceed as scheduled providing the permittee complies with the following:

To ensure compliance with present-day MSHCP requirements and agency expectations, it is recommended to provide updated environmental documentation—such as a Determination of Biologically Equivalent or Superior Preservation (DBESP) or WR<SHCP consistency report. This updated documentation should address all relevant biological resources associated with the proposed project and reflect current survey data, regulatory guidance, and conservation standards.

Cultural Studies Memorandum – January 8, 2026

In coordination with the District Cultural Studies, a Screened Undertaking was prepared and approved on January 8, 2026.

The undertaking, as currently proposed, has no potential to affect historic properties or historic resources eligible for or listed on the NRHP/CRHR. This undertaking is exempt from further review, no additional archaeological or built environment studies are required at this time and the CEQA cultural resources component, and PRC 5024 compliance are complete.

Please note that this assessment could change, and additional studies may be required if the project changes and ensure the following measures found in the Caltrans 2024



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Standard Specifications in the Plans (14-2.03A), Specifications, and Estimates apply to this project and are to be included in the Environmental Commitments Record:

- **CR-1:** If buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, it is Caltrans policy that work stop within 60 feet of the area until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.
- **CR-2:** In the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Division of Environmental Planning; Gabrielle Duff, DEBC: (909)501-5142 and Julie Scrivner, DNAC: (909) 260-8265. Further provisions of PRC5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Hazardous Waste Memorandum – January 28, 2026

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, an Initial Site Assessment (ISA) Checklist was prepared and approved in January 2025. This project has “Low Risk” to have potential hazardous waste involvement.

- **HAZ-1: SSP- 6-1.03:** Conditions for use of local material from non-commercial source.

Air Quality Memorandum – January 28, 2026

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, a District Director’s Order Request- Air Quality Review Memo was prepared January 28,2026.

This project is listed in Table 1, Carbon Monoxide (CO) Protocol. It is exempt from all air emissions analyses. Therefore, no air quality study is needed. follow Standard Specification SS 14-9.02 Air Pollution Control.

Noise Study Memorandum – January 27, 2026

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, a District Director’s Order Request- Noise Memo was prepared January 27, 2026.

This project falls under Type III project categories of 23CFR772.7 in the Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol. Per the Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol, “*Type III projects do not require a noise analysis.*” This is considered an exempt project. Hence, no noise study is needed.