



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Encroachment Permit 08-25-N-SV-1076

DIST-CO-RTE: 08- SBD-10

PM/PM: 19.98

EA: 0000001157

EP: 08-25-N-SV-1076

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The proposed encroachment permit project consists of field surveys including a ground survey, bat survey for biological study, and an environmental survey. There will be no ground disturbance. All work will take place in 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 6.** (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

Gita Tokhmafshan		03/13/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Jiaqian Li		03/16/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date



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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 (c)(__)**
- 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: 02/09/2026



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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:

- **Environmental Summery, Biological Resources Section** – February 03, 2026.
- **Environmental Summery, Cultural and Paleontological Resources** – March 11, 2026.
- **Air Quality Memo**- December 08, 2025
- **Noise Study Memo**- December 08, 2025
- **Hazardous Waste Memo**- December 12, 2025.

Biological Resources:

The District Biological Study Unit reviewed the Environmental Summery, Biological Resource Section, and determined on February 03, 2026, that the technical studies are adequate.

Cultural Resources:

The District Cultural Study Unit reviewed the Environmental Summery, Cultural Studies Section, and determined on March 11, 2026, that the technical studies are adequate.

The following measures found in the Caltrans 2024 Standard Specifications in the Plans, 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 PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Hazardous Waste/Material:

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, an Encroachment Permit Request- Hazardous Waste Memo was prepared and approved on December 12, 2025.



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Noise Study:

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, an Encroachment Permit Request- Noise Memo was prepared and approved on December 08, 2025. .

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.

Air Study:

In coordination with the District Environmental Engineering, an Encroachment Permit Request- Air Quality Memo was prepared and approved on December 08, 2025.

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.