

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 CVIN Encroachment Permit # 06-26-6-SV-0571

Project Applicant: CVIN, LLC

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 198 in Fresno County between postmiles 13.402 and 13.513

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The encroachment permit applicant, CVIN, is proposing to conduct environmental survey on State Route 198 in Fresno County between postmiles 13.402 and 13.513. Work will include windshield surveys, with occasional stops in designated pull-out areas to review and account for sensitive species. A notice will be placed behind the vehicle during stops for safety. All vehicles will remain within the maintained shoulder (graded/shoulder backed areas). No ground disturbance, vegetation disturbance, or wildlife trapping is permitted. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (06-26-6-SV-0571) for the survey work within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CVIN, LLC

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: Class 6, 15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15306 (Information Collection) Class 6 - Basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a

serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel

Phone number: (559) 383-5997

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: *Alex Rangel* Date: 04/09/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.