

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: 500 South Main St
Bishop CA 93514

Project Title: Red Rock Bump DDO

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - : State Route 14 PM 41.2/42.8

Project Location - City: Red Rock Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to repair localized pavement damage at two locations along the highway. At post mile (PM) 42.7, the existing pavement has experienced uplift and cracking, resulting in a vertical displacement of approximately 3 inches and a transverse crack across both southbound lanes; repairs will restore a smooth and safe driving surface. At PM 41.2, pavement settlement caused by water overflow from a clogged culvert has undermined the northbound #2 lane and shoulder over an area of approximately 40 by 20 feet; work will include repairing the culvert, stabilizing the subgrade, and reconstructing the pavement section. All work will occur within the existing roadway footprint.

Caltrans has determined that the project will have negligible impacts on environmental resources, with no anticipated adverse environmental effects.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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[b](2); 14 CCR 15269 et seq.)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of emergency pavement repairs and culvert-related roadway stabilization to address localized uplift, cracking, and settlement within the existing highway. All work would occur within the existing roadway footprint, would not expand capacity or alter alignment, and would not result in significant environmental impacts; therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Heather Elder Phone number: 760-874-8320

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: *Heather Elder* Date: 4/14/2026 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.