

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, (Caltrans)
464 W 4th Street, MS 832
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

Project Title: RIV 10 WILEY'S WELL SRRA (WATER/WASTEWATER)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 10; Post Miles R134.80/R144.50

Project Location - City: Blythe; Unincorporated Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to upgrade the water and wastewater systems at Wiley's Well Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA), located on the north side of Interstate 10 (I-10) in Riverside County. The project is located between Post Mile (PM) R134.80, Wiley's Well Road interchange, and PM R144.50, about 0.6 miles west of Mesa Drive interchange near Blythe.

The project would consist of constructing and installing a new 9.5-mile water supply line from Wiley's Well SRRA to PM R144.50 near Blythe; Upgrade wastewater system, restroom's fixtures; install new leech lines in the existing leach field; water storage tank and booster pump replacement; install permanent desert tortoise fencing around the SRRA and from post mile R135.04 to R 136.75 on both sides of I-10 within the Caltrans right of way; and replace current trash receptacles with raven deterrent trash receptacles.

No work would occur in the parking lot, and all work would be within Caltrans Right of Way. The SRRA would remain closed during construction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 8

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: Sec. 15301, Class 1(d)

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing facilities, mechanical equipment, and public structures with no expansion of former use. The project plans to restore or rehabilitate deteriorated and damaged structures, facilities and mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng

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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: Malisa Lieng Date: 4/2/26 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.