

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** Caltrans District 11  
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242  
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: 2N318 HM233 TBMP Restoration on SR 56

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: Multiple TBMP locations off SR-56

Project Location - City: San Diego      Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to restore treatment BMPs (bioswales) in San Deigo County along SR-56 to their original as-built condition. This includes removing vegetation, regrading, soil amendments, and reseeding with a native plant mix. After completion of bioswale construction, Caltrans proposes to execute plant establishment activities within the bioswales. Plant establishment activities include controlling plant growth, fertilizing, controlling rodents, insects, and weeds, replacing damaged plants, watering, and operating and repairing the irrigation system for 1 year post construction (250 working days).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Caltrans is maintaining the pavement with no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Morgan Tusa

Phone number: 858-472-7057

**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: Morgan Tusa      Date: 4/20/2026      Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 4/20/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.