

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans, District 6
2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100
Fresno, CA 93726

Project Title: Coalinga Rest Area Water Main and Backflow Preventer

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: In Fresno County on Interstate 5, at post mile 1.3

Project Location - City: Coalinga Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project repaired damage at the Coalinga Rest Area located on Interstate 5 at post mile 1.3, in Fresno County. A water main break was detected in the northbound Coalinga/Avenal State Rest Area's water supply system, and revealed a critical failure in the water supply infrastructure, posing a risk to the safety and reliability of potable water service to the facility. The project replaced the existing crossover pipe, 3-inch backflow preventer, valve box, and 3-inch gate valve at the Coalinga Rest Area. The emergency project was needed to avoid the failure or threat of failure to the transportation system and to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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 1. PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project proposes the repair, replacement, or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities. The project has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and is considered "exempt" from CEQA under Class 1 of 14 CCR 15300, Existing Facilities, for maintenance repair on existing facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Judith Lopez

Phone number: 559-240-5068

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: *Judith Lopez* Date: 4/29/26 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.