

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk – Not Applicable

**From:** Caltrans District 12 (Orange County)  
1750 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street #100  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: SR-57 Hazardous Waste Investigation & Surveys

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 12 (Orange County)

Project Location - Specific: *SR-57 between post miles 20.7/R22.5, in City of Brea, in Orange County & Unincorporated Orange County, CA.*

Project Location - City: Brea

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Caltrans will conduct a Hazardous Waste (HW) Investigation (drilling operations) and Field/Flora/Fauna Surveys in support of a proposed widening project. A HW Investigation is needed to assess levels of naturally occurring hydrocarbons in the Brea Olinda Oil Field area (where a segment of SR-57 is situated). Additionally, Caltrans staff/consultants must conduct surveys to ascertain need for environmental permits. All multi-modal travelers will benefit from the HW Investigation and surveys with regard to assessing potential impacts of a larger, more complex widening project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 12 (Orange County)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 12 (Orange County)

**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 (c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: *Project is exempt per CEQA 15301 (c), no permanent impacts associated with project (HW Investigation & Surveys), at all. Public may experience very minor temporary impacts associated with Traffic Management Plan (TMP).*

Lead Agency Contact Person: Smita Deshpande

Phone number: (949) 279-8704

**If filed by applicant**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding. (*Approved CEQA CE attached*)
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes       No

Signature: *Smita Deshpande* 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.