



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Placer and El Dorado Bridge Preservation (HM3)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-VAR-VAR

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 03-3G970

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a bridge preservation project from Postmile (PM) 10.35 to PM 35.10 on State Route (SR) 80, at PM 2.82 on State Route 174 in Placer County, and at PM 23.99 on SR 49 in El Dorado County. The proposed work includes applying polyester concrete overlays on bridge decks and approach slabs, sealing deck cracks with methacrylate, replacing joint seals, and patching spalled areas. Work will conform to applicable AC requirements. (Continued on page 3)

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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| Veronica Wilson | <i>Veronica Wilson</i> | 04/30/2026 |
| Print Name | Signature | Date |

Project Manager

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

[] 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- [] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
[] Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

[] 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/22/26

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

Work at seven different locations is described as follows:

| Location # | Location name | County | Route | Direction | Prefix | PM | Work Description |
|------------|--|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|--|
| 1 | Penryn Rd OC/Bridge No. 19-0099 | PLA | 80 | NB & SB | | 10.35 | Replace joint seals in conjunction with overlay work (Project-related BAM-SAS). Remove and replace the polyester concrete overlay. Conform to AC |
| 2 | Elm Avenue OC/Bridge No. 19-0060 | PLA | 80 | NB & SB | | 17.83 | Overlay the approach slabs with polyester concrete in concurrence with overlaying the bridge deck. Place a 1-inch thick polyester overlay on the bridge deck. Replace the compression seals at both abutments in conjunction with overlaying the bridge deck with polyester concrete. Conform to AC. |
| 3 | Heather Glen OC/Bridge No. 19-0131 | PLA | 80 | NB & SB | | 27.39 | Place a 1-inch thick polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Conform to AC |
| 4 | Illinois town OC/Bridge No. 19-0085 | PLA | 80 | NB & SB | | 31.79 | Place a 1-inch thick polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Conform to AC |
| 5 | Long Ravine UC/Bridge No.19-0089 | PLA | 80 | NB & SB | | 35.1 | Remove loose concrete and patch spalled areas of the soffit along the center joint between the left and right structures. Replace the joints seals in conjunction with placing a polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Installation of a longitudinal joint seal in the center longitudinal joint opening is recommended. Replace the polyester concrete overlay in lane 2 in both directions of traffic. Conform to AC |
| 6 | Bear River Br/Bridge No. 19-0065 | PLA | 174 | WB & EB | | 2.82 | Patch the header spalls and replace the joint seals concurrently with the polyester concrete overlay. Place a 1-inch thick Polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Conform to AC |
| 7 | South Fork American River Br/Bridge No. 25-0153 | ED | 49 | NB & SB | R | 23.99 | Seal the cracks in the approach slabs with methacrylate concurrent with deck work. Replace the joint seal at abutment 1. Prosecute this work concurrently with the placement of methacrylate. Seal the deck cracks with methacrylate. |

Table 1: Locations of specific details.



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Purpose:

The purpose of the project is to preserve and extend the service life of seven bridge structures through the implementation of cost-effective preventive maintenance treatments. These actions are intended to maintain structural integrity, enhance operational safety, and reduce the likelihood of future major rehabilitation activities or full bridge replacement.

Need:

The project is needed because the bridges are exhibiting signs of deterioration, including cracking, joint distress, and surface degradation. If left unaddressed, these deficiencies would continue to progress, potentially affecting structural performance and roadway safety. Timely maintenance is necessary to prevent further deterioration and minimize long-term repair and replacement costs.

Permit and Consultation

Permits:

No permits are required.

Right of Way:

All work will occur within Caltrans right of way.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - VAR - VAR **PM/PM:** 0.000/0.000 **EA/Project ID:** 03-3G970_ / 0325000229

Project Description: The scope of works includes placing polyester concrete overlays on bridge decks and approach slabs, replacing joint seals, methacrylate cracks sealing on deck and approach slabs, patching header and spalls, and longitudinal joint sealing with o

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PERMITS

| Permit | Agency | Application Submitted | Permit Received | Permit Expiration | Permit Requirements Completed by | Permit Requirements Completed on | Comments |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 1- No Permits Required | n/a | | | | | | |

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

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| Category | Task and Brief Description | Source | Included in PS&E Package | Responsible Branch/Staff | Action to Comply | Due Date | Task Completed by | Task Completed on | Remarks | Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA |
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| Biology | Write bat and bird protection special provisions | Env Doc | SSP | Biologist | Write them | 5/1/26 | | | | No |
| Biology | Write Natural Environment Study (Minimal Impacts) | Env Doc | n/a | Biologist | Write it | 5/1/26 | | | | No |

CONSTRUCTION

| Category | Task and Brief Description | Source | Included in PS&E Package | Responsible Branch/Staff | Action to Comply | Due Date | Task Completed by | Task Completed on | Remarks | Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA |
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| Biology | Comply with Standard Specifications Section 14-6 Biological Resources | Std. Spec | n/a | RE | | | | | | No |
| Hazardous Waste | Comply with Standard Specification 14-9-02 Air Pollution Control (SS) | | Yes | | | | | | | |

POST-CONSTRUCTION

| Category | Task and Brief Description | Source | Included in PS&E Package | Responsible Branch/Staff | Action to Comply | Due Date | Task Completed by | Task Completed on | Remarks | Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA |
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| Stormwater | Complete M600 TBMP Cert | HQ | n/a | TBMP Coordiniator | | | | | | |
| Environmental Compliance Review | Complete M600 CEC Package | Env Doc | n/a | ECL | | | | | | |

Environmental Commitments Record for Placer and El Dorado Bridges

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| Environmental Compliance Review | Complete M800 CEC Package | Env Doc | n/a | ECL/Coordinator | | | | | | |

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Final Audit Report

2026-04-30

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