

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 5
50 Higuera St,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: SCR-17-Replace Culverts

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 5

Project Location - Specific: SR 17 PM 11.90

Project Location - City: Los Gatos Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The existing drainage system at PM 11.90 is in poor condition. If it is allowed to further deteriorate, roadway failure is possible. This could lead to highway closure to enable repairs, thus inconveniencing area residents and disrupting businesses which depend on this lifeline highway for mobility. The proposed project will replace the existing 99-foot long, 18-inch diameter CSP culvert (Drainage System ID 360174001190) located at PM 11.90 on SR 17 in Santa Cruz County with an 84-foot long, 24-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe across the highway as well as 400-foot long perforated steel pipe underdrain and 400-foot long slotted corrugated drain along the pavement edge. All work is within operational right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 5

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans District 5

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

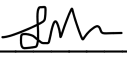
The project is exempt under CEQA 15301 Class 1

Lead Agency Contact Person: Lucas Marsalek

Phone number: (805) 458-5408

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:  Date: 5/18/2026 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.