



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) off I-15 in San Diego County

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 11-SD-15

**PM:** 50

**PID:** 0000000795

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

Caltrans D11 Land Surveys Division is proposing to install a Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Real Time Network (RTN) Base Station within Caltrans Right-of-Way to support the department geospatial activities in this area. This is needed by the Land Surveys division to supplement other stations in the area as part of the Caltrans Spatial Reference Network (CTSRN). This network supports geospatial positioning for Land Surveys, Construction, and other divisions in the department. This station consists of a cabinet mounted atop a small (±25 square foot) concrete pad. It will have a solar panel mounted to it. There is also a GNSS antenna mount about 15' away, which consists of four 1" stainless steel rods driven 15' – 20' into the ground (1 vertical and spaced at 120°) that converge to a point about 5' above ground. A GNSS antenna and radome are mounted atop the rods. There is a conduit running between them 1' – 2' below ground. Caltrans will provide its own power using a solar panel and battery. Minor brush clearing for concrete pad. Some disturbance from hand-trenching and general worker activities. Environmental commitments for biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, hazardous waste/materials, and NPDES/Stormwater are included in the Environmental Commitments record (ECR).

**Caltrans CEQA Determination**

- 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].)

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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)(2)

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

Activity 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.

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Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 5/28/2026