

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

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

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location – Specific: West side of I-15 – 2.5 miles south of community of Rainbow at postmile 50 in San Diego County

Project Location - City: unincorporated Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans District 11 Land Surveys Division proposes 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.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

Exempt Status:

- 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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans proposes 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).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

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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: *Emery McCaffery* Date: 6/2/2026

Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 6/2/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.