



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Bakersfield Yard Overhead Fencing

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-KER-99

PM/PM: 24.8

EA: 06-1J920

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0626000075

Project Description

The proposed project is located on State Route 99 at Post Mile 24.8 in Bakersfield in Kern County. The purpose of the project is to install a security fence on the embankment beneath the Bakersfield Yard Overhead along State Route 99. The scope of work for this project is to place 12' high wrought iron fence with one 4' wide pedestrian gate and one 10' wide swing gate with a 2' concrete security edge on the embankment underneath the bridge deck. All permanent work will be performed within Caltrans right-of-way and Railroad right-of-way.

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

Judith Lopez

Print Name

Lebilla Beharian

for Judith Lopez

Signature

6/15/2026

Date

Project Manager

Eltahir Ataelgeed

Print Name

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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)(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

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name

Signature

Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/12/2026

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:

Biology:

If construction is to occur during the avian nesting season (February 1 to September 30), preconstruction surveys for migratory birds will be required.

Surveys for migratory birds and raptors must be completed by a qualified biologist no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction. If nesting birds are found within the BSA by preconstruction surveys during the avian nesting season, the 14-6.03B SSP (Species Protection for Migratory and Non-Game Birds) will be required.

A general preconstruction wildlife surveys, including surveys for potential SJKF dens, are required by a qualified biologist no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction. If an active SJKF den, or any other special-status species, is observed, within the Biological Survey Area during preconstruction surveys, the 14-6.03A SSP (Regulated Species) will be required, and a no-work buffer may be placed and coordination with USFWS and CDFW would take place.

A Worker's Environmental Awareness Training (WEAT) may be required for construction personnel based on the preconstruction survey results and at the discretion of the project biologist.

Hazardous Waste:

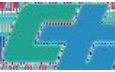
If future project revisions generate excess soil that cannot be reused, an Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) study, including analysis for CAM-17 metals associated with historic railroad operations, may be required. This study typically takes approximately seven to nine months to complete and is estimated to cost \$35,000 (06.CC32/105 hours).

The following Standard Special Provisions (SSPs) may apply:

- 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead
- 14-11.08—Material Containing Hazardous Waste Concentrations of Aerially-Deposited Lead
- 14-11.14 will be required to address handling and disposal of any treated wood waste generated.

Water Quality/ Stormwater:

The proposed activities are anticipated to disturb less than 1 acre of soil, which would require a Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) to be prepared by the contractor following Caltrans' Standard Specification, 13-2, Water Pollution Control Program.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 06 - KER - 099 PM/PM: 24.780/24.780 EA/Project ID: 06-1J920_ / 0626000075

Project Description: Install security fence and maintenance access gates

Date (Last modification): 6/12/2026

Environmental Planner: Sandra Jimenez

Phone: 559-320-6045

Construction Liaison:

Phone:

Resident Engineer:

Phone:

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

PS&E/BEFORE RTL

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
Biology	Biology- 14-6.03A (Regulated Species)	SSP	SSP	Project biologist	Verify SSP is added to 95% pkg					
Biology	Biology- 14-6.03B (Species Protection for Migratory and Non-Game Birds)	ssp	ssp	Project biologist	Verify SSP is added to 95% pkg					
Hazardous Waste	Hazardous Waste 14-11.08 - Regulated Material Containing Aerially Deposited Lead (SSP)	SSP		Haz Waste	Verify SSP is added to the 95% pkg.					
Hazardous Waste	Hazardous Waste 14-11.14 - Treated Wood Waste (TWW) (SSP)	SSP		Haz Waste	Verify SSP is added to 95% pkg					
Hazardous Waste	Hazardous Waste 7-1.02K(6)(j)(ii) - Lead Compliance Plan (SSP)	SSP		Haz Waste	Verify SSP is added to 95% pkg					

Environmental Commitments Record for Bakersfield Yard OH Fencing

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PRE-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
Biology	Conduct preconstruction surveys for San Joaquin kit fox (SJKF). Surveys for SJKF must be completed by a qualified biologist no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction. If an active SJKF den, or any other special status species is observed during preconstruction surveys, the 14-6.03A (Regulated Species) SSP will be required and an ESA may be required. Coordination with USFWS/CDFW may be required.	Env Doc	SSP	Project biologist	Preconstruction surveys					
Biology	If construction is to occur during the avian nesting season (February 1 to September 30), preconstruction surveys for migratory birds will be required. Surveys for migratory birds and raptors must be completed by a qualified biologist no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction. If nesting birds are found within the BSA during preconstruction surveys, during the avian nesting season, the 14-6.03B (Species Protection for Migratory and Non-game Birds) will be required.	Env Doc	SSP	Project biologist	Preconstruction surveys					

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
Biology	If special status species or nesting birds are observed within the BSA during preconstruction surveys, a Worker's Environmental Awareness Training may be required for construction personnel, at the discretion of the project biologist.	Env Doc	SSP	Project biologist	Perform WEAT					