

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 6
2015 E. Shields Ave., Ste. 100

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Repair Berm with RSP and Debris Removal

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On Interstate 5 at the northbound Lebec rest stop area, located at post mile 0.87.

Project Location - City: Lebec

Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A major storm caused Cuddy Creek to overflow into the roadside rest area and the wastewater overflow basins. The overflow basins were excavated and a chain link fence was replaced. The berm was rebuilt along the creek, approximately 960 feet in length. Rock Slope Protection was added to enforce the berm. This emergency project was needed to avoid the failure of the transportation system and to prevent the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public service.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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. PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environmental and is considered "exempt" from CEQA under Class 1 of 14 CCR 15300, Existing Facilities, for maintenance repair on existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Scott

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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:  Date: 6/17/2026 Title: Senior Env Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____