

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of San Joaquin

From: Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton, Ca.

Project Title: San Joaquin Failed Water Well Pump

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Along Interstate (I) 5 at Postmile (PM) 0.935L in San Joaquin County.

Project Location - City: Vernalis

Project Location - County: San Joaquin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Proposes to replace a failed water well pump that services the Westley Rest Area. The purpose of the project is to restore normal operation at the Westley Rest Area. The project is needed because the existing water well pump has failed, threatening the facility's ability to maintain a safe and continuous water supply for public use.

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: Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez Phone number: 209-670-9385

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: Maria Garcia Lopez Date: 06/10/2026 Title: 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.