

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: Camera Study – Mitigation of Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: Various Locations on SR-76, SR-78 and SR-79

Project Location - City: San Diego

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) proposes the installation of game cameras along State Routes (SR) 76 (PM 52.3), 78 (PM 53.04), and 79 (PMs 27.4, 39.90, 41.957, 49.9) in San Diego County. Specifically, the proposed project aims to collect systematic game camera data along known and potential wildlife connectivity barriers where high rates of wildlife-vehicle collisions occur. The work would allow CDFW and Caltrans to evaluate barrier effects on wildlife, identify mitigation opportunities, and increase road user safety.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, South Coast Region 5

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: 15306, 6
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project falls under the Class 6 exemption which exempts projects conducting “basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource,” as defined in the 2025 CEQA Statue and Guidelines Handbook Article 19. The project consists of collecting data through game cameras to evaluate wildlife connectivity barriers and identify mitigation opportunities. The data evaluation would support

Caltrans in determining and mitigating wildlife-vehicle conflict points to improve road user safety.

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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: Leticia Santillana Date: 6/18/2026 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 6/18/2026

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

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